

Enforcement video (English transcript)

For more than 30 years, The California Department of Pesticide Regulation, D-P-R, has served a vital role: protect human health and the environment for all Californians.

Critical to DPR's mission is enforcing pesticide laws and regulations.

DPR conducts enforcement through coordination with the state's 56 county agricultural commissioners.

More than 400 inspectors from County Agricultural Commissioners' offices are on-the-ground every day to enforce California's laws and regulations within their communities.

County inspectors routinely visit farms and other places where pesticides are used to ensure rules are followed.

They also investigate pesticide-related complaints and concerns from community members.

On top of enforcement efforts, County Agricultural Commissioners also conduct outreach, safety training and offer education opportunities to ensure pesticides are used properly.

All registered pesticides include a label that details how a pesticide should be used without harming humans or the environment.

DPR's role is to create regulations on pesticide sales and use, provide oversight and offer training to assist county agricultural commissioner in enforcement efforts, and help track and investigate suspected violations.

DPR's enforcement scientists also conduct product compliance inspections throughout the state & online at businesses that make and sell pesticides.

They ensure that the pesticides are registered with the U-S-E-P-A and state, and legal to sell and use in California.

Another component of DPR's enforcement work is its produce residue monitoring program. DPR employees routinely visit stores, markets, warehouses, and distributorships to sample fresh produce destined for sale in California.

When produce products with illegal residues are found, DPR can impound them and have them destroyed.

Staff can also track tainted produce back to its source and take action there if necessary.

DPR's enforcement activities cover a lot of ground and are critical to the department's mission.

If you are aware of an unlawful use of pesticide or concerned about potential illness from pesticide exposure, please report your concern immediately via 1-87PestLine (1-877-378-5463), file an anonymous complaint via the CASPIR mobile application, or reach out directly to your County Agricultural Commissioner.

Visit DPR's website or social media to view more videos about how our work protects human health and the environment for all Californians.