

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Sacramento

From: (Public Agency): Dept. of Pesticide Regulation
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(Address)

Project Title: Initiation of Reevaluation of Products Containing the Active Ingredient Paraquat Dichloride

Project Applicant: Department of Pesticide Regulation

Project Location - Specific:

Sacramento

Project Location - City: Sacramento Project Location - County: Sacramento

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Department of Pesticide Regulation is initiating a reevaluation of pesticide products containing the active ingredient paraquat dichloride as a result of the California Legislature recently adopting Assembly Bill 1963 (Chapter 688, Statutes of 2024), which added Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) sections 14085 and 14086. Specifically, FAC section 14086 requires DPR to complete a reevaluation of paraquat dichloride by January 1, 2029. During the reevaluation, DPR will determine if additional restrictions on use, up to and including cancellation or suspension, are necessary.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Pesticide Regulation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Department of Pesticide Regulation

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

See attachment. DPR's initiation of the reevaluation of pesticide products containing the active ingredient paraquat dichloride is a ministerial project exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The California Legislature recently adopted Food and Agricultural Code sections 14085 and 14086 which mandates DPR to complete a reevaluation by January 1, 2029. Therefore the law dictates a specific action by DPR and DPR lacks the discretion to deny the project (not initiate a reevaluation) or limit the scope (active ingredient). As a result, this decision to initiate a reevaluation is a ministerial project exempt from CEQA.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jennifer Teerlink Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-917-9088

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 11-6-2024 Title: Deputy Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____