



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Agricultural Water Quality Coalitions [See Attached List – sent by email only]

UPDATE OF THE PESTICIDES EVALUATION PROTOCOL, EO PESTICIDES LIST

This letter serves as issuance of an update to the Pesticides Evaluation Protocol, EO List (PEP Update), for Third Party Groups enrolled under the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) Waste Discharge Requirements General Orders.

The attached PEP Update reflects current Aquatic Life Reference Values and Human Health Reference Values, where available. The updates are based on changes in the USEPA's Table of Aquatic Life Benchmarks for Pesticides and USEPA's List of Human Health Benchmarks for Pesticides, which were reviewed in January 2024.

Staff will update reference values in the PEP annually to reflect new USEPA benchmarks available by 1 January. Updated values will be provided by 1 April to allow Coalitions ample time to incorporate changes into their annual pesticide evaluation process. Staff will also identify new pesticides used in agriculture that warrant being added to the EO List. If you have any questions or comments regarding this approval letter, please contact Yared Kebede by email at <u>Yared.Kebede@waterboards.ca.gov.</u>

Sincerely,

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Attachments: ILRP Pesticides Evaluation Protocol (two versions – one in tracked changes and the other clean)

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ILRP Pesticides Evaluation Protocol (tracked changes version)

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