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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED POLICY FOR DEVELOPING  
CALIFORNIA'S CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 303(d) LIST

Thank you for considering the Department of Pesticide Regulation's (DPR's) comments on the State Water Resources Control Board's draft *Water Quality Control Policy for Developing California's Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List* (policy). In our comments, we encouraged the State Water Resources Control Board to preserve flexibility in the policy to assure that regional water quality control boards (regional boards) have discretion to consider all data and interpretations that they and stakeholders deem appropriate as part of a comprehensive, weight of evidence approach for determining water quality impairments. We are satisfied that our comments were appropriately addressed in the most recent version of the policy.

As described in DPR's *Process for Responding to the Presence of Pesticides in Surface Water*, we will be relying on regional boards to determine when water quality objectives are exceeded for reasons related to pesticide use. Then, DPR and the regional boards can work collaboratively to identify the best responses that will attain and maintain water quality objectives. Your proposed policy will provide common criteria regional boards will use to make such determinations.

Thank you again for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact John S. Sanders, Ph.D., of my staff, at (916) 324-4100 or <jsanders@cdpr.ca.gov>.

cc: John S. Sanders  
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