



Julie Henderson
Director

Yana Garcia
Secretary for
Environmental Protection

February 22, 2024

Dear Ms. Katten, Ms. Sellen, Mr. Garcia, Ms. Martinez, and Ms. Reeves

Thank you for your letter from January 30, 2024 regarding the herbicide DCPA. We are in close touch with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) and are tracking the agency's review of DCPA, including its May 2023 occupational and residential risk assessment. That assessment identified serious developmental effects in fetuses carried by pregnant rats who were exposed to DCPA. In December 2023, US EPA cancelled DCPA products registered for use on turf, which were associated with some of the greatest occupational and residential risks (<https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-HQ-OPP-2023-0074-0006>). US EPA has been working to determine whether the use of other DCPA products can continue or if further mitigation or cancellation is needed.

We have communicated with US EPA our strong support of their efforts to address DCPA risks. Given the progress of the agency's work, we believe those ongoing efforts represent the most rapid approach to DCPA mitigation in California. An independent risk assessment and associated mitigation on our part would not only take more time, it would also divert resources from other current and pending risk assessments and related mitigation efforts.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Teerlink
Assistant Director

cc: Ms. Julie Henderson, Director, Department of Pesticide Regulation
Dr. Karen Morrison, Chief Deputy Director and Science Advisor, Department of Pesticide Regulation