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Regarding the training requirements of Sustainable Rodent Management, we recommend developing the required training by partnering with the expertise available within the UC System. This should include collaboration with the UC Statewide IPM program, which houses extension specialists and subject matter experts in the field of rodent research and educational development for pest management professionals and pesticide applicators. Additionally, the training should count towards continuing education units for both DPR and SPCB license and certificate holders. This will incentivize participation and ultimately lead to a more qualified workforce in Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and Sustainable Pest Management (SPM) for controlling rodent populations.

We suggest extending the proposed 12-month delay between the effective date and the training to 18 or 24 months. This extension will ensure a comprehensive and well-informed educational curriculum is developed, meeting all the principles of IPM and SPM as outlined in the relevant sections of the FAC, as well as aligning with current academic and industry practices.

We believe that with the careful implementation of proposed regulations DPR will be closer to a balanced approach that effectively manages rodent populations while minimizing risks to wildlife. We appreciate the opportunity to share our insights and look forward to supporting the continued development of effective, safe pest management practices in California.

Sincerely,

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