

Californians for Pesticide Reform (Sarah Aird)

Can DPR commit to being more transparent?

For example, DPR presented to SPARC on chloropicrin and cyfluthrin, but did not provide the critical context of how long these pesticides have actually been under reevaluation and that is not readily apparent from DPR's online summary tables. Chloropicrin has been in reevaluation since October 2001—nearly 25 years. Cyfluthrin has been in reevaluation since May 1998—more than 28 years. That history matters enormously when this committee is being asked to help DPR decide how to prioritize its resources and to actually improve the reevaluation process. DPR needs to acknowledge its mistakes and failures - that's the only way to be able to identify what needs to get fixed to create a better pesticide regulatory system that actually protects public health then environment.

Similarly, DPR staff mentioned there are requirements around the starting and closing of reevaluations but want to make sure the SPARC committee understands that there is no current deadline for completion.