



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 86, which requires the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) to submit quarterly reports on chlorpyrifos use, monitoring, and exposure to specified committees in the Legislature and the Office of the Surgeon General.

For decades, chlorpyrifos was a widely-used pesticide throughout the state. Exposure through inhalation or ingestion can cause serious health impacts on children and other sensitive populations. In 2019, my Administration took the unprecedented step of initiating the cancellation of chlorpyrifos in California. Additionally, the 2019 and 2020 Budget Acts include resources for DPR to lead a cross-sector integrated pest management work group to identify, develop and evaluate more sustainable alternatives to chlorpyrifos. Further, current law requires DPR to monitor for any exposure incidents associated with pesticides, including products containing granular chlorpyrifos.

It is projected that by the end of 2020, 99 percent of all agricultural use of chlorpyrifos will cease. Additionally, the remaining granular use will be extremely limited, only allowed if there are not alternative pest control options.

My Administration is committed to working with stakeholders and with the Legislature to provide the information needed on all pesticide use, including granular chlorpyrifos use. To that end, I am signing this bill. Additional funding may be needed to support this reporting without reducing resources to monitor, test and regulation of more widely-used pesticides.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

