

Department of Pesticide Regulation
California School IPM Program
California Child Care IPM Program
Update on Accomplishments and Future Plans
(January 2009 – December 2009)

You can view [previous updates](http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm) to the School IPM Advisory Group on our School IPM Web site (www.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm).

1. Accomplishments (January — June 2009)

Training

- The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) conducted three full-day, regional school integrated pest management (IPM) training workshops for school district IPM coordinators (see table below). Phil Boise of Urban-Ag Ecology taught landscape IPM and Jeff Van Diepen of Pestmaster Services, Inc. taught structural IPM. From 2002 to the present, DPR has conducted 30 regional training workshops and trained 1,058 people who represent 718 of the state’s approximately 988 school districts.

Date (2009)	Location	City	County
March 18	Franklin High School	Stockton	San Joaquin
April 8	Redwood High School	Visalia	Tulare
June 10	Seaside High School	Seaside	Monterey

Technical Materials

- DPR developed and printed the 2009-10 School IPM Record Keeping Calendar for release in July 2009.

Outreach

DPR staff:

- Participated in the National School IPM Working Group and the Western School IPM Implementation and Assessment Working Group.
- Staffed the school IPM display booth and distributed handouts at: 1) the 30th Coalition for Adequate School Housing (C.A.S.H.) Annual Conference on School Facilities on February 24-25, and 2) Earth Day 2009 on April 22.
- Collaborated with CHPS (Collaborative for High Performance Schools) regarding development of a report card for assessment of current practices in schools and districts.
- DPR requested updated contact information for each school district’s IPM coordinator.
- Sixth International IPM Symposium in Portland, Oregon: March 24, DPR teamed with the University of Connecticut to present a two-hour mini-symposium entitled “Promoting Implementation of IPM in Schools” and presented an overview of DPR’s school and child care IPM programs. The session presented a combination of school IPM implementation programs from five areas of the U.S., including: 1) a New England effort to evaluate adoption of school IPM and the challenges faced with the assessment process; 2) a multi-state school IPM workshop conducted in Iowa to assist implementation in several Midwestern states and serve as a model for expansion in Iowa schools and

neighboring states; 3) the impact on public schools in Texas, where 1991 legislation mandated statewide adoption of school IPM; 4) California’s statewide programs to facilitate voluntary adoption of IPM policies and programs in schools and child care facilities; and 5) a comparison of the impacts and IPM program sustainability of Florida schools in a “voluntary state” with in-house and outsourced programs.

- Respond to questions and requests for information from school districts and other interested parties, and send periodic updates on IPM topics via our School IPM listserv.

Collection of pesticide use information

- DPR continues to receive and enter into a database, records of pesticide use at school sites. Data entry is complete for records from 2002 through 2006.

Child Care IPM—Growing Up Green

DPR staff:

- Published six short articles on IPM in “Health Connections,” the California Childcare Health Program newsletter.
- Received more than 600 responses to the child care center pest management survey and began data analysis.
- Adapted the school IPM pest fact sheets on ants, cockroaches, and rodents for the child care setting and printed copies.
- Continue to receive and enter into a database, the records of pesticide use at child care sites.

2. Future Plans (July — December 2009)

Training

- DPR plans one regional school IPM training workshop in October at a high school location in Riverside County. The workshop can accommodate up to 40 participants. The full-day workshop is intended to focus on IPM principles, pest prevention, monitoring, and reduced-risk management practices with emphasis on the major school pests in the region.

Date (2009)	Location	City	County
October	TBD	Norco	Riverside

Survey

- The 2007 Integrated Pest Management Survey of California School Districts is part of DPR’s ongoing effort to measure compliance with the Healthy Schools Act, measure adoption of IPM, identify barriers to IPM adoption, and collect feedback about the resources DPR provides for schools. DPR and its contractor (the Institute for Social Research at California State University, Sacramento) completed the 2007 survey report and are planning the 2010 survey. DPR will post (www.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm) and distribute the 2007 survey report in July.

Technical Materials

DPR staff plans to:

- Develop graphic displays for its School IPM and Child Care IPM display booths and banner stands.
- Develop the 2010-11 School IPM Recordkeeping Calendar that will be distributed in July 2010.
- Develop a gopher IPM fact sheet, an addition to the School IPM Pest Information Series.
- Update the Healthy Schools Act Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document.
- Continue working on a third edition of the School IPM Guidebook. The third edition will feature minor updates including updated appendices on a flash drive instead of in hard copy.

Outreach

DPR staff plans to:

- Participate in the National School IPM Working Group and the Western School IPM Implementation and Assessment Working Group.
- Staff the School IPM exhibit booth and distribute handouts at the 2009 California School Employees Association's Maintenance and Operations Skills Development Academy, July 29-31 in San Jose.
- Respond to questions and requests for information from school districts and other interested parties, and send periodic updates on IPM topics via our School IPM listserv.
- Develop an article entitled "California's Use of IPM in Managing Pests in Schools" for publication in the international journal, "Outlooks on Pest Management".

Collection of pesticide use information

DPR staff plans to:

- Continue to receive and enter into a database, the records of pesticide use at school sites.
- Explore ways the school pesticide use report database can be used for future projects.

Child Care IPM — Growing Up Green

DPR staff plans to:

- Analyze the child care center pest management survey and publish the results.
- Collaborate with the child care Pest Management Alliance grant team in developing an IPM curriculum using guidebook text developed by DPR staff.
- Present a talk on IPM at the National Head Start Association conference in San Jose in December 2009.
- Explore ways the child care pesticide use report database can be used for future projects.
- Update the school IPM FAQs to include child care facilities.
- Continue train-the-trainer IPM program with Department of Social Services staff.
- Give IPM training presentation at the 2009 California Resource & Referral Network's Annual Conference.

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