

Department of Pesticide Regulation  
California School IPM Program  
Update on Accomplishments and Future Plans  
(July 2008 – June 2009)

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

## 1. Accomplishments (July — December 2008)

### Training

- The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) conducted one regional school integrated pest management (IPM) training workshop 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 27 regional training workshops and trained 967 people who represent 704 of the state’s approximately 988 school districts.

<b>Date (2008)</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>County</b>
October 22	“Old Dixon High School	Dixon	Solano

### Technical Materials

- DPR developed the 2009-10 School IPM Record Keeping Calendar that will be released in July 2009.

### Survey

- The survey is part of DPR’s ongoing effort to measure schools’ compliance with the Healthy Schools Act, schools’ adoption of IPM, and information 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; they also are planning the 2010 survey.

### Outreach

DPR:

- Made several presentations, staffed an exhibit booth and distributed handouts at the 2008 Green Tools for Healthy Schools Conference, responded to questions and requests for information from school districts and other interested parties, and sent updates on IPM topics via its School IPM listserv.
- Participated in the National School IPM Working Group and the Western School IPM Implementation and Assessment Working Group.
- Requested updated contact information for each school district’s IPM coordinator.

### 2008 Green Apple Award

On September 11, 2008, DPR Director Mary-Ann Warmerdam accepted the Green Apple Award in the category of Existing Schools for DPR’s California School IPM program and its team (past

and present) that includes Tom Babb, Madeline Brattesani, Nita Davidson, David Duncan, Chris Geiger, Nan Gorder, Ann Hanger, Belinda Messenger, Lisa Ross, Sewell Simmons, Mary Votaw, and Angelica Welsh. The collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) sponsors a premier training event, "The Green Tools for Healthy Schools" conference for professionals interested in creating healthy, environmentally responsible schools. This year's event was held in Sacramento on Sept. 11-12, 2008. The Green Apple Award, presented at this venue, goes to nominees who demonstrate outstanding contributions to progressing, promoting, and/or implementing high performance schools. DPR's school IPM team received this Green Apple Award in the Existing Schools category for its work in promoting pest prevention in existing schools, and through the use of reduced-risk strategies such as facility design modifications, monitoring, pest exclusion, habitat removal, sanitation, and reduced-risk pesticide alternatives. Awards are given in three categories: Existing Schools, Making Policy, and Climate Change.

Child Care IPM—Growing Up Green

- Mailed survey of pest management practices in child care facilities to 2000 providers
- Gave a presentation on The Amended Healthy Schools Act and DPR’s Child Care IPM Program to the November meeting of the Pesticide Review and Evaluation Committee (PREC) in Sacramento.

**2. Future Plans (January — June 2009)**

Training

- DPR plans to conduct three regional school IPM training workshops: March 18 at Franklin High School in Stockton, April 8 at Redwood High School in Visalia, and June 10 at Seaside High School near Monterey. Each can accommodate up to 40 participants. Each full-day workshop will focus on IPM principles, pest prevention, monitoring, and reduced-risk management practices with emphasis on the major school pests in the region. Resources available through the University of California will be presented. Guest speakers will present information on pest management topics of regional interest. Workshop trainers include Phil Boise for landscape IPM and Jeff Van Diepen for structural IPM.

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

Technical Materials

- In January, DPR plans to distribute a poster, “Keep Pests Out of Your School,” to promote its School IPM Web site as a resource for information on how to prevent and manage pests.
- DPR will print its 2009-10 School IPM Record Keeping Calendar that will be distributed in July 2009.

## Survey

- DPR will distribute its report on the 2007 Integrated Pest Management Survey of California School Districts.

## Outreach

DPR staff plans to:

- Staff an exhibit booth at the 2009 Green Tools for Healthy Schools event.
- Staff an exhibit booth at the 30<sup>th</sup> Coalition for Adequate School Housing (C.A.S.H.) Annual Conference on School Facilities.
- 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.

## Child Care IPM — Growing Up Green

DPR staff plans to:

- Adapt the school IPM pest fact sheets on ants, cockroaches and rodents to a new audience - child care providers.
- Evaluate responses to the pest management survey of child care facilities in partnership with UC Berkeley's Center for Children's Environmental Health.
- Publish six articles on IPM in partnership with the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) Childcare Health Program.
- Give IPM training presentation at the California Resource & Referral Network's Annual Conference in October at Asilomar.

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