

Department of Pesticide Regulation

California School IPM booth— Making the grade on pest management

As part of its Children's Environmental Health Initiative, the Davis Administration has invested nearly \$1 million for the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) initiatives to encourage safe school pest management. In 2001, DPR moved ahead with its voluntary school integrated pest management (IPM) program while implementing the Healthy Schools Act (AB 2260, Shelley). That 2000 law codified DPR school IPM efforts and added new record keeping, pesticide use reporting, and right-to-know requirements when pesticides are used on school property. DPR also created an informal IPM advisory panel to help develop more effective school IPM programs. This booth includes examples of how school districts are providing this right-to-know information, highlights some model programs, provides samples of documents school districts may use, and provides information on our school IPM Web site, upcoming model program guidebook, and future training activities. For more information about California School IPM, visit our Web site at www.schoolipm.info.