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Mr. Christopher Reardon, Chief Deputy Director
California Department of Pesticide Regulation

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Dear Mr. Reardon:

On behalf of [insert organization name], I urge the California Department of Pesticide Regulation to adopt the proposal to amend section 6000 and adopt sections 6970 and 6972 of Title 3 California Code of Regulations (3 CCR) as they pertain to the responsible use of pesticides by urban pest control businesses.

As you know, urban stormwater runoff often contains pesticide residues, including pyrethroids. These pesticides are winding up in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta at toxic levels, and endangering the food supply of fish and other aquatic animals. Pyrethroids are a well-known environmental stressor and have contributed to the overall decline in the Delta ecosystem, which has recently seen sharp declines in populations of native fish, including the endangered delta smelt and listed salmon runs. Responsibly managing the application of such pesticides is a constructive step toward solving the problem.

Organizations, public agencies and leaders on the local, state and federal levels have been working diligently toward solving the Delta crisis on a number of fronts. As part of a comprehensive, long-term solution, each and every stressor in the Delta must be addressed. The proposal to institute responsible management practices for the application of urban pesticides to avoid excess stormwater runoff is a positive step forward in addressing one of the many stressors impacting this estuary.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Insert Name/Title]