

Groups urge new California gov to reject pesticide

A coalition of environmental and farmworker groups urged Gov.-elect Jerry Brown to stop California from approving a controversial agricultural pesticide after he takes office, citing links to cancer made by the state.

Californians for Pesticide Reform asked Brown to direct officials not to approve methyl iodide as part of a broader set of agricultural recommendations the group plans to formally present to the incoming administration next week.

The coalition's other members include the Pesticide Action Network North America, the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation and the Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment.

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