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BT NOW is Available in California

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BioSafe Systems announced the approval of BT NOW by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation. BT NOW contains the entomopathogenic bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis* subspecies *kurstaki* (Btk) strain EVB-113-19, which is the same strain in BioProtec Plus and Leprotec. Other Btk products contain different strains, such as ABTS-351 (DiPel and Biobit), EG7841 (Crymax) and SA-12 (Thuricide).

Btk is a bacterium that specializes in caterpillars—rotting their guts and killing them. BT NOW is registered for the management of several species of caterpillars. Other notable target pests include loopers, leafrollers and bagworms. The product can be used on various fruits, nuts, vegetables, herbs and field crops, as well as ornamental plants grown in greenhouses, nurseries and landscapes. The REI of BT NOW is four hours. The product is OMRI-listed.

For more information, visit biosafesystems.com/product/bt-now. **GT**