

# The Wisdom of Holland !

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## Pest Control Products

A Brief Outline  
of Real Science  
and Actual Fact  
( Adapted excerpts )

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## PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE

This principle is used as the ultimate tool and guiding light by those opposed to the use of pest control products. There are numerous definitions of this principle ( which is also seen as anti-science by many scientists ), but the generally accepted one is that of the **Rio Declaration**, from a United Nations Conference on Environment and Development held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992.

This document states that ...

*“ Where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation. ”*

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Dr. Keith Solomon is Professor at the Centre for Toxicology and Department of Environmental Biology, University of Guelph, and Director, Canadian Network of Toxicology Centres.



As Dr. Keith Solomon explains :

*“ Landscape and garden use of pest control products does not qualify for consideration under the precautionary principle. They are not serious, they are selective to pests, have low toxicity to non-target organisms, and are well understood. The effects of these pest control products are not irreversible. There is rapid recovery through reinvasion and weed seeds and most need to be used at least once per year. ”*

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT LANDSCAPE AND GARDEN PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS, DR. KEITH SOLOMON, MARCH 27, 2007.

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The Rio Declaration, however, did not embody a vague enough definition for anti-pesticide and unscientific organizations such as the Canadian Cancer Society, which instead choose to use the definition contained in the Wingspread Statement :

*“ When an activity raises threats of harm to human health or the environment, precautionary measures should be taken even if some cause and effect relationships are not fully established scientifically. ”*

Note that “ *SERIOUS AND IRREVERSIBLE* ” has been deleted from the original.

This “ *STATEMENT* ” of the principle was formulated by a small group of environmentalists meeting in the U.S. in 1998, and it is not difficult to see why it would be chosen over the Rio Declaration as the weapon of choice.

In a 2006 published report by the prestigious British House of Commons Select Committee on Science and Technology, it was stated that ...

*“ [ ... ] the term ‘ precautionary principle ’ should not be used, and ( we ) recommend that it cease to be included in policy guidance. ”*

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Also stated, by the British House of Commons Select Committee on Science and Technology, was the following :

*“ In our view, the terms “ precautionary principle ” and “ precautionary approach ” in isolation from any such clarification have been the subject of such confusion and different interpretations as to be devalued and of little practical help, particularly in public debate. Indeed, without such clarification and explanation, to elevate the precautionary approach or principle to a scientific methodology, which can be proved or disproved to have been applied in any particular case, is both unrealistic and impractical. It also provides ammunition for those seeking to promote an overly cautious approach to innovation or exposure to any risk at all. ”*

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY – SEVENTH REPORT, HOUSE OF COMMONS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE PUBLICATION, 2006.

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He is one of the most eloquent and intelligent writers on the subject of public policy and pest control products.

Here is a list of Mr. Holland's career highlights and accomplishments :  
Honours BA in History and Geology.

Post-graduate work in History.

After university, co-owned a large bookstore in Ontario.

Moved to British Columbia from Ontario in 1978.

Worked for a structural pest control company in British Columbia for three years, the last two of which Mr. Holland was a supervisor.

Owned a large tree and lawn care company in the Okanagan from 1983 until 2004, when he retired.

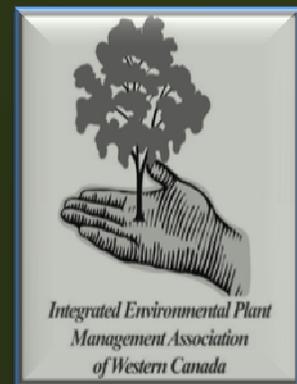
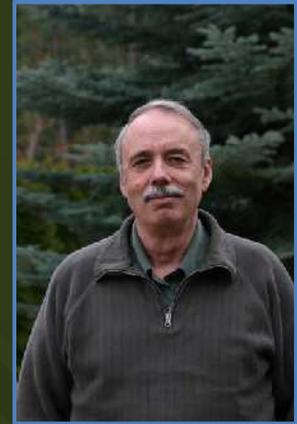
One of the founders of the ESA (Environmental Standards Association – forerunner to the **Integrated Environmental Plant Management Association** of Western Canada) in 1984.

President of the Environmental Standards Association, 1985 – 1994.

Vice-President of the **Integrated Environmental Plant Management Association**, 1998 – 2007.

Director of the **Integrated Environmental Plant Management Association**, 2007 – present.

According to Mr. Holland : “ *ALTHOUGH I HAVE NEVER USED MY DEGREE IN THE PROFESSION FOR WHICH I STUDIED, I FOUND THAT THE TRAINING I RECEIVED IN THE METHODS OF RESEARCH WAS INVALUABLE IN ENABLING ME TO DISCERN THE FACTS OF THE REAL SCIENCE BEHIND THE USE OF PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS. NOT BEING A SCIENTIST, I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN GUIDED BY THE WORK OF THOSE WHO ARE THE ACTUAL EXPERTS.* ”



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*Let's deceive  
the public with silly  
precautionary principles ...*



*... and then ask for  
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William H. Gathercole is a principal FOUNDER of the Modern Professional Lawn Care Industry in BOTH Ontario and Quebec. He holds a degree in Horticulture from the UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH, and another pure and applied science degree from MCGILL UNIVERSITY. He has worked in virtually all aspects of the GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY, including GOLF and PROFESSIONAL LAWN CARE, and has served in public affairs, workplace safety, and environmental compliance. Mr. Gathercole has supervised–consulted–programmed–overseen the execution of HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS of pest control applications in the urban landscape. He has trained, instructed, and consulted with, THOUSANDS of turf managers and technicians. Mr. Gathercole has also been an agricultural agronomist. For many years, Mr. Gathercole was a contributing columnist for TURF & Recreation Magazine, Canada's Turf and Grounds Maintenance Authority.

Mr. Gathercole has followed the evolution of ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISM for over a quarter-century. His involvement in environmental issues reached a fevered pitch in the 1990s, when he orchestrated, with others, legal action against unethical and excessive municipal regulations restricting the use of pest control products. ( i.e. the Town of Hudson, Quebec. ) For FIFTEEN YEARS, the strategies designed and implemented by Mr. Gathercole and his colleagues guaranteed the control of Enviro-Terror for the Entire Green Space Industry across Canada. Although he can be accused of being ANTI-ENVIRONMENT-MOVEMENT, he is, in fact, simply a strong advocate FOR the GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY, from an INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE. However, this position has not precluded him from criticizing the Green Space Industry itself. Nonetheless, his vast knowledge of our long journey with environmental issues is UNDENIABLE. ( Hopefully ! )

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*Learn all about Enviro-Maniacs and their lies,  
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