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While dithering over neonicotinoids — bee-killing pesticides banned in Europe — Canadian regulators are poised to approve a closely-related poison called flupyradifurone. We call it the new "F"-word.

Like neonics, flupyradifurone attacks the nervous system of insect pests. Both are **systemic pesticides** that are taken up by plants and move through their tissues into pollen, fruits and seeds. Both are also **persistent**, sticking around in the environment and, with repeated applications, building up over time.

Health Canada says flupyradifurone may **pose a risk to bees, birds, worms, spiders, small mammals and aquatic bugs** — familiar words to anyone following Canada's slow-motion review of neonics. Dust from corn seed treated with neonics is implicated in large-scale bee die-offs during planting season in Ontario and Quebec. Not only is this alarming in its own right; the dead bees are the proverbial canaries in the coal mine, signalling broader ecological consequences.

Inexplicably, Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) has yet to take action to curtail the use of neonics, and now the agency is preparing to give the green light to a look-alike chemical, flupyradifurone.

The PMRA is **accepting public comments on this move until November 3, 2014**. Join us in calling on the government to put the brakes on flupyradifurone. It's time for Canada to get serious about addressing the concerns with neonics and related systemic pesticides.

We've drafted text you can use to submit a comment — or change it to make it your own.

Read more about [flupyradifurone](#) and how you can [protect the bees and butterflies](#).

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Proposed Registration Decision PRD2014-20, Flupyradifurone

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To Whom It May Concern:

Flupyradifurone should not be registered for use and sale in Canada. As your assessment notes, this chemical may harm bees, birds, arthropods, small wild mammals and freshwater and saltwater invertebrates.

As a persistent, systemic pesticide with the same mode of action as neonicotinoids

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