

# Groups ask for review of pesticides

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Two of Canada's major environmental groups are asking the federal government to review the use of 30 pesticide chemicals already banned by other countries that they say pose risks to the environment and to people's health.

Ecojustice, acting on behalf of the David Suzuki Foundation and Equiterre, revealed Monday that they have filed a request for a special review by Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq on the chemicals, which they say are found in more than 700 registered domestic and agricultural pesticide products.

"There's some very strong evidence to suggest that these substances used in pest control substances are harming humans and wildlife and the environment," said Mara Kerry, director, science and policy at the David Suzuki Foundation. "I think it's important that Canadians are aware of what is being used out there in the forests and the agricultural lands."

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