

# British Columbia

Part 4B

Cosmetic Use of Pesticides  
in British Columbia –  
Public Consultation Paper



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# British Columbia Prohibition of Pest Control Products!

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### Government document

#### **COSMETIC USE OF PESTICIDES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA — PUBLIC CONSULTATION PAPER**

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**( ADAPTED EXCERPTS )**

**SECOND OF FOUR PARTS**

#### **4. What is meant by “*cosmetic use of pesticides*”**

Cosmetic use of pesticides can be considered as the use of pesticides for non-essential or aesthetic purposes. For example, a pesticide may be used in an outdoor situation to improve the appearance of lawns, gardens, landscapes or other green spaces and/or to control unwanted or undesirable organisms.

Some indoor uses, such as use of a pesticide to control spiders, can also be considered as cosmetic or aesthetic.

Non-cosmetic use of pesticides includes use to prevent economic damage or health impacts, such as reducing pest damage to crops or buildings or reducing spread of disease. Exclusions to regulatory provisions addressing the cosmetic use of pesticides have been made to allow the use of pesticides for such activities as public health and safety (including the protection of public works structures), agriculture and preventing impacts to agriculture, forestry, research, and scientific purposes, and to protect natural resources.

Regulations that address the cosmetic use of pesticides generally focus on urban landscapes and residential areas.

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Challenges in regulating cosmetic use of pesticides include —

- Defining potentially subjective terms such as “*NON-ESSENTIAL*” or “*AESTHETIC*”
- Addressing indoor and/or outdoor cosmetic use of pesticides
- Addressing use of pesticides in food gardens and/or fruit trees in or near residential areas
- Use of pesticides on business or commercial properties with public access or use — such as commercial gardens, retail businesses or landscaping of businesses in residential areas

### 5. What other provinces are doing

**Six** Canadian provinces have enacted or announced some form of regulation governing the cosmetic use of pesticides within their jurisdiction. This section of the consultation paper summarizes key aspects of the approaches and current status of these efforts for each of the provinces — Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Québec, Ontario and Alberta.

#### A. Province of Newfoundland and Labrador

Newfoundland and Labrador regulates pesticides under the **Pesticides Control Regulation of the Environmental Protection Act**.



The provincial regulation —

- Bans the sale of pesticide–fertilizer combination products to unlicensed people (while still permitting purchase by commercial applicators)
- Limits broadcast application of a pesticide–fertilizer combination product containing the herbicide **2,4-D** by licensed applicators to one application per lawn per year.

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### B. Province of Prince Edward Island

The Government of Prince Edward Island in **DECEMBER 2009** announced its intention to “ *implement changes to how lawn-care pesticides will be managed in the province.*”.



Changes are planned to take effect on **APRIL 1, 2010**, and include —

- A ban on the sale and use of specified domestic lawn care pesticides, including pesticide–fertilizer combination products, concentrates requiring dilution before use, granular products and products containing the active ingredient **2,4-D** –with criteria and a list of identified products set out in an “ *OVER-THE-COUNTER PRODUCTS BANNED LIST* ” of over **240 products**
- Lawn care companies (and individuals working for these companies) who apply pesticides are required to have completed a training course, submit an annual record of pesticide use, and not use pesticides containing the ingredient **2,4-D** on lawns

### C. Province of New Brunswick

New Brunswick conducted a public consultation “ *LAWN CARE AND LANDSCAPE PESTICIDE USE* ” in **2008**, and introduced regulatory changes to the provincial **Pesticides Control Act** in the **FALL 2009** legislative sitting including —



- A ban on the sale and use of **more than 200** over-the-counter lawn care pesticide products, including the use of products containing **2,4-D** for domestic lawn care
- As of **FEBRUARY 2010**, requirements for Integrated Pest Management (**IPM**) accreditation (involving training and certification) will be included in all operating permits for professionals and companies (such as golf courses and other businesses) companies and individuals carrying out lawn care services involving commercial grade pesticides

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### D. Province of Québec

Québec regulates pesticide use under a **Pesticides Management Code** instituted in **2003**.



The code, among other provisions —

- Prohibits the sale and use of **about 20** “*ACTIVE INGREDIENTS*” present in some **200 lawn pesticide products** registered under federal legislation — listed in a Schedule of the code
- Requires pesticides to be sold “*BEHIND-THE-COUNTER*”
- Prohibits the use of most pesticides inside and outside child care centres and schools
- Lists **fourteen** “*LOW OR REDUCED RISK*” pesticides (such as borax, silicon dioxide and acetic acid) that are explicitly authorized for sale and use in public places such as schools and child care centres — under a specific Schedule of the code
- Prohibits the sale and use of pesticide–fertilizer mixtures for lawns
- Allows use of prohibited pesticides by golf course operators and requires operators to submit a “*PESTICIDE REDUCTION PLAN*” to the ministry every three years
- Prohibits the application of pesticides less than three metres from a body of water

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### E. Province of Ontario

Ontario passed legislation implementing a “ *COSMETIC PESTICIDES BAN* ” that took effect **APRIL 22, 2009**. The requirements of the ban are detailed in **Ontario Regulation 63/09** and the **Pesticides Act**, which was amended by the **Cosmetic Pesticides Ban Act**, 2008.



The legislation —

- Generally prohibits the sale and use of pesticides for cosmetic ( i.e. “ *NON-ESSENTIAL* ” ) purposes — excluding golf courses, some sports fields, specialty turf, forestry and agriculture
- Established **11 classes** of pesticides —
  - One class of pesticide may not be sold or used
  - Another class may be sold and used according to label directions without any additional restrictions
  - Another class of products have both “ *COSMETIC AND NON-COSMETIC* ” uses, with specific rules provided for vendors to follow when dealing with potential purchasers (intended to ensure that purchasers do not use these products for cosmetic purposes)



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### F. Province of Alberta

In **NOVEMBER 2008**, the Government of Alberta announced an intended “*ban on herbicide–fertilizer combination products.*”



Under provincial legislation —

- As of **JANUARY 1, 2010**, a list of over **100 products** containing a combination of fertilizer and herbicide (**2,4–D**) will no longer be sold in Alberta
- Herbicide–only products ( including those containing **2,4–D** ) will still be available for sale and use

The function of leadership  
is to produce more leaders,  
not more prohibitions.

— ADAPTED FROM RALPH NADER.

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**FORCE OF NATURE** WAS LAUNCHED FOR CONTINUOUS TRANSMISSION ON THE INTERNET ON JANUARY 1ST, 2009. IT IS A SERIES OF E-NEWSLETTERS DESTINED FOR THE GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY, THE ENVIRONMENTAL-TERROR-MOVEMENT, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND THE MEDIA, NATION-WIDE ACROSS CANADA, THE UNITED STATES, AND OVERSEAS.

FORCE OF NATURE IS THE BRAINCHILD OF WILLIAM H. GATHERCOLE AND HIS ENTOURAGE. **NORAH G** IS ACTUALLY AN ACRONYM FOR THE STABLE OF ANONYMOUS PRODUCERS AND WRITERS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THIS E-NEWSLETTER AND HAVE NOW REPLACED MR. GATHERCOLE. THEY CONSIST OF PEOPLE FROM THE FOLLOWING INDUSTRIES : DISTRIBUTION, FERTILIZER, GOLF, LAWN CARE, MANUFACTURING, MUNICIPAL, NURSERY, AND ORCHARD. MANY OF THESE PEOPLE ARE LEADERS IN THEIR OWN INDUSTRIES. THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN FORCE OF NATURE, EVEN THOUGH FROM AN INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE, MAY NOT REFLECT THOSE OF EVERYONE IN THE GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY, OR MR. GATHERCOLE'S MANY ASSOCIATES. BE WARNED ! FORCE OF NATURE MAY SOMETIMES BE VERY IRREVERENT AND FEARLESS WITH THESE E-NEWSLETTERS. MR. GATHERCOLE IS NOW RETIRED FROM FORCE OF NATURE, ALTHOUGH HIS NAME CONTINUES TO APPEAR AS THE FOUNDER.

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, AND/OR 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 HIS COLLEAGUES, LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE PROHIBITION OF PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS IN 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 MODERN 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 MODERN GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY. 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 ! )

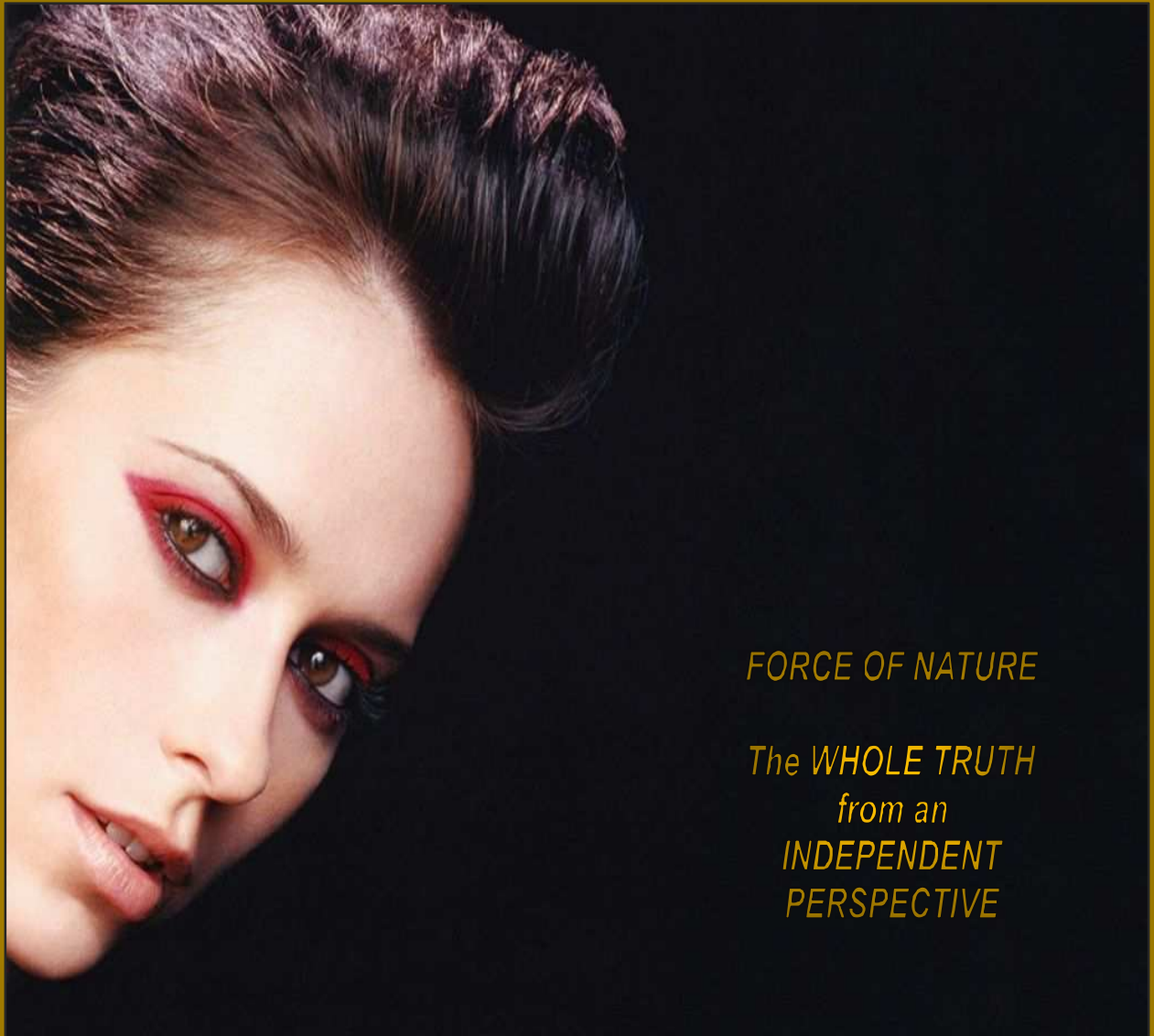
FORCE OF NATURE IS THE INSTRUMENT OF NATIONAL ORGANIZATION RESPONDING AGAINST HUIE THAT HARM THE GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY (**NORAHG**) BY CONCOCTING STATEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES SEEKING TO PROHIBIT FEDERALLY LEGAL, SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE, AND TOTALLY IRREPLACEABLE CONVENTIONAL PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS. ENVIRO-MANIAC-CULPRITS ARE IDENTIFIED ON THE BASIS OF THEIR STATEMENTS, ACTIVITIES, AFFILIATIONS, AND WHEREABOUTS. EVEN THOUGH EACH ENVIRO-MANIAC-CULPRIT IS A MISGUIDED ADVERSARY, EACH STILL DESERVES OUR RESPECT. THE TERMS MANIAC, CULPRIT, TERRORIST, OR BASTERD ARE NOT ACCUSATIONS OF ANY LEGAL WRONG-DOING. FORCE OF NATURE IS SIMPLY HOLDING CULPRITS ACCOUNTABLE FOR CONSPIRING TO CHANGE PUBLIC POLICIES THAT TERRORIZE AND THREATEN THE GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY. FORCE OF NATURE BELIEVES THAT THE PRETENTIOUS PROHIBITIONIST POLICIES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL-TERROR-MOVEMENT IS LEADING TO LOSS OF REVENUES, BUSINESS FAILURES, BANKRUPTCY, AND UNEMPLOYMENT, INFLECTING DESPAIR AND DESTITUTION FOR THOUSANDS OF VICTIMS THROUGHOUT THE GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY. THE ACTIONS OF MANIAC-CULPRITS-TERRORISTS-BASTERDS IN THE MOVEMENT ARE VIEWED AS A FORM OF TERROR AGAINST THE GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY. THE INFORMATION PRESENTED IN FORCE OF NATURE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED FOR THE EDUCATION AND ENTERTAINMENT OF THE READER BY PROVIDING A SEQUENCE OF HISTORICAL EVENTS WITH COMMENTARY. ADDITIONALLY, FORCE OF NATURE INSPIRES PEOPLE TO BELIEVE THAT ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISM CAN BE STOPPED ! THE EVENTS, CHARACTERS, COMPANIES, AND ORGANIZATIONS, DEPICTED IN THIS DOCUMENT ARE NOT ALWAYS FICTITIOUS. ANY SIMILARITY TO ACTUAL PERSONS, LIVING OR DEAD, MAY NOT BE COINCIDENTAL. ALL DOCUMENT EXCERPTS AND PICTURES CONTAINED IN FORCE OF NATURE WERE FOUND SOMEWHERE ON THE INTERNET. WE BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN, SERVING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES : ARCHIVE, EDUCATION, PROMOTION, PUBLICITY, OR PRESS RELEASE.

THE FOLLOWING FORCE OF NATURE DOCUMENTS ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE — • ALBERTA PROHIBITION • BRITISH COLUMBIA PROHIBITION • CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIANS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT • MILLIONAIRE-CANCER-SOCIETY • CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION • CONSEQUENCES • DAVID SUZUKI FOUNDATION • DDT AND POLITICIZED SCIENCE • DEATH AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL-TERROR-MOVEMENT • ENVIRO-MONEY • ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISTS UNMASKED • FERTILIZER-TERROR IS NEXT • JUNE IRWIN, THE CLOWN OF JUNK SCIENCE • KAZIMIERA JEAN COTTAM • LANDSCAPE TRADES CAPITULATE • NEW BRUNSWICK PROHIBITION • NOVA SCOTIA PROHIBITION • ONTARIO PROHIBITION • ORGANIC FERTILIZERS • PESTICIDE FREE BC • PETS AND LAWN CARE CHEMICALS • PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND PROHIBITION • QUEBEC PROHIBITION • RACHEL CARSON, THE QUEEN OF JUNK SCIENCE • SALMON ARM BC PROHIBITION • THE 9/11 ERA OF THE GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY • THE FAILURE OF INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT • THE LOOMING GOLF INDUSTRY SHIPWRECK • THE INDUSTRY STRIKES BACK • THE MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT CANCER • THE NATIONAL ANNIHILATION OF THE MODERN GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY • THE WISDOM OF BILL BELL • THE WISDOM OF DRYSDALE • THE WISDOM OF HEALTH CANADA • THE WISDOM OF HOLLAND • THE WISDOM OF LOWES • THE WISDOM OF MAINS • THE WISDOM OF THE SOLOMONS • ASK FOR A COPY OF ANY BACK ISSUE OF FORCE OF NATURE TODAY. READ ALL ABOUT ENVIRO-MANIACS AND THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL-TERROR-ORGANIZATIONS IN FORCE OF NATURE ! THE WHOLE TRUTH FROM AN INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE ! FORCE OF NATURE IS TOTALLY INDEPENDENT OF ANY TRADE ASSOCIATION OR BUSINESS OPERATING WITHIN THE GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY. DON'T THANK US. IT'S A PUBLIC SERVICE. AND WE ARE GLAD TO DO IT.



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