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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

RESPONSE TO K. JEAN COTTAM

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Vested Interest

Cottam ALLEGES that anyone claiming that pest control products are SCIENTIFICALLY-SAFE must have a « *vested interest in the status quo* », hence their CREDIBILITY is somehow LIMITED.

In fact, it is the CREDIBILITY of Anti-Pesticide Activists like Cottam that is in SEVERE JEOPARDY since they DO NOT PUT HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT FIRST !

THE PRIMARY CONCERNS of a VAST MAJORITY of Anti-Pesticide Activists are BUSINESS, CASH-FLOW, PROFIT, and CELEBRITY.

This includes the Cottam Ghost-Writers.

Moreover, Anti-Pesticide Activists like Cottam are NOT CREDIBLE experts on pest control products.

This PROBLEM WITH LACK-OF-ACTIVIST-CREDIBILITY reflects the overall larger problem with ALL Anti-Pesticide Activists.

There are NO Anti-Pesticide Activists who are scientists or researchers with credentials in the field of pest control products.

NONE !

Anti-Pesticide Activists have a HUGE VESTED INTEREST IN PERPETUATING IMAGINARY DANGERS about pest control products used in the Urban Landscape.

Doing this attracts HUGE PROFIT AND BENEFITS, in the form of DONATIONS, GOVERNMENT GRANTS, and CELEBRITY.

Even Cottam has received BENEFITS.

Epidemiology Studies

Anti-Pesticide Activists like Cottam ALLEGE that Health Canada is « *weak* » in examining EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES when ASSESSING the safety of pest control products.

This is NOT TRUE.

EPIDEMIOLOGY is the study of the causes, distribution, and control of health problems in populations.

EPIDEMIOLOGY STUDIES cannot be relied upon ALONE, and must be backed-up with ANIMAL TOXICITY STUDIES.

EPIDEMIOLOGY STUDIES that identify possible associations MUST BE EXAMINED WITH WELL-CONDUCTED TOXICITY STUDIES that are specifically designed to elicit toxic effects over a series of dose levels.

American Cancer Society

On the matter of LOWER DEATHS DUE TO CANCER, Cottam CLAIMS that « *I have not seen a confirmation of this strange phenomenon anywhere* ».

Cottam is conveniently TURNING A BLIND EYE TO THE FACTS.

Cottam knows full-well about the 2010 report from American Cancer Society.

According to the Cancer Statistics 2010 report issued by the American Cancer Society (ACS) ...

... Cancer incidence rates and the number of DEATHS DUE TO CANCER continue to DECLINE in the United States.

The incidence of cancer has ...

- decreased by 1.3 per cent per year from 2000 to 2006 in men
- decreased by 0.5 per cent per year from 1998 to 2006 in women

Cancer death rates have ...

- dropped 21 per cent since 1991 among men
- dropped 12 per cent since 1992 among women

The MYTH of Cancer

It is a MYTH to believe that pest control products somehow cause cancer.

Pest control products DO NOT CAUSE CANCER.

Pest control products cause NO HARM, including chronic effects such as CANCER.

Only pest control products that DO NOT POSE AN UNACCEPTABLE RISK OF CANCER in humans are registered for use in Canada.

In fact, NO cause-and-effect relationship between pest control products and cancer has been established scientifically.

IRONICALLY ... both Daffodil Production for Canadian-Cancer-Society and the Professional Lawn Care Industry use the SAME ingredients that are needed to control insect and weed pests.

IRONICALLY ... both the Agriculture Industry and the Modern Professional Lawn Care Industry use the SAME ingredients that are needed to control insect and weed pests.

Industry Influence

Additionally, Cottam FABRICATES the story that Health Canada « registers pesticides on the basis of industry-provided ... data » and « our federal government does not conduct such studies and virtually rubber stamps studies submitted to them by the pesticide industry ».

Cottam also expresses MOCK-DISMAY about the fact that Health Canada does NOT have its own laboratories.

Just because regulatory agencies like Health Canada do not conduct any studies themselves DOES NOT MEAN that they are merely « rubber stamping » studies submitted to them by the manufacturing industry.

In order to ensure the ACCURACY of STUDIES on pest control products, Health Canada DOES NOT NEED ITS OWN LABORATORIES, and neither does any other regulatory agency in the world.

Instead, Health Canada follows the INTERNATIONALLY-ACCREDITED « *GOOD LABORATORY PRACTICE* » for ASSESSING pest control products.

For the ASSESSMENT of pest control products, the ACCURACY OF STUDIES IS ENSURED since Health Canada follows a set of guidelines and principles developed by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

The 30 OECD member countries include Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, Sweden, and Japan.

The STUDY of ALL pest control products must be conducted under these guidelines which adhere to principles of GOOD LABORATORY PRACTICE.

ALL STUDIES used in support the registration of pest control products must be completed by laboratories sanctioned by GOOD LABORATORY PRACTICE (GLP), and using ONLY GLP practices.

Where Are the Bodies !?!?

Cottam further ALLEGES that regulatory agencies are « *unduly influenced by the industry* » and « *inconvenient studies are routinely with-held from the PMRA by the pesticide industry* ».

Anti-Pesticide Activists like Cottam ALLEGE that so-called « *inconvenient studies* » or « *secret evidence* » are somehow with-held by manufacturers from ALL the regulatory agencies in the world.

However, Anti-Pesticide Activists like Cottam are UNABLE TO PROVIDE BODIES, BODIES, BODIES.

Where are the bodies !?!?

Bodies of REAL evidence.

Bodies of REAL evidence, and NOT JUNK SCIENCE REPORTS intended to DISCREDIT the work of REAL experts, such as Health Canada.

Bodies of REAL evidence, and NOT « *secret evidence* » or DEBUNKED REPORTS.

Bodies of REAL evidence, and NOT « *secret evidence* » from disgruntled former government officials who were terminated from employment and suddenly became anonymous « *whistle-blowers* » with UNVERIFIABLE stories.

More specifically, PROOF that studies are being somehow with-held from the ENTIRE WORLD.

Where are the so-called « *inconvenient studies* » ?!?!

Make them available for public review.

Anti-Pesticide Activists like Cottam MUST STOP using TOTALLY FALSE and UNTRUE MIS-REPRESENTATIONS designed to alarm and enrage the public and enhance their BUSINESS, CASH-FLOW, PROFIT, or CELEBRITY.

Unfortunately, Anti-Pesticide Activists are UNABLE TO PROVIDE BODIES, BODIES, BODIES.

Scientifically Safe

Leading independent world-renowned non-profit scientific, regulatory, and trade agencies have publicly stated that, or have validated the concept that, in one form or another, pest control products are SCIENTIFICALLY-SAFE.

These agencies are NOT unduly influenced by any stake-holder in those industries manufacturing and using pest control products.

The following scientific, regulatory, and trade agencies have SUPPORTED or VALIDATED the concept that pest control products are SCIENTIFICALLY-SAFE —

- American Chemical Society
- American Council for Science and Health
- American Cancer Society
- CropLife Canada
- Health Canada

- International Agency for Research on Cancer
- The Fraser Institute
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- World Health Organization

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NORAHG is an INDEPENDENT NON-PROFIT organization.

P.S.

COTTAM is actually a designation for a group of Anti-Pesticide Ghost-Writers.

The Cottam name is also used in order to give an unsuspecting public the FALSE and FRAUDULENT impression that the Anti-Pesticide Movement has considerable size and power, when in fact, it does not.

Cottam Ghost-Writers remain ANONYMOUS, fearing IMMEDIATE LEGAL REPRISALS FOR FRAUD AND CONSPIRACY against the Professional Lawn Care Industry.