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• Pesticide–Free Maintenance creates HAZARDOUS conditions in sports turf.

• On sports turf, safety considerations also influence decisions to use pest control products because bare areas, or large weedy patches, can increase the SLIPPING HAZARD.

• The Precautionary Principle dictates that pest control products SHOULD NOT BE PROHIBITED.

• With the choice between treating and not treating, the decision for proper weed control must be made.

• Proper weed control on turf helps PREVENT SLIPPING INJU-RIES by eliminating broad-leaved weeds.

• Appealing, well-maintained, and pest-free neighbourhood green spaces increase the public's sense of safety, and increase the desire for outdoor activities.

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Pesticide-Free Maintenance Creates HAZARDOUS Conditions in Sports Turf

#### Slipping Hazard Because of Poorly-Maintained Green Spaces

Consider the following statement, which appears in the Integrated Pest Management Manual for Landscape Pests in British Columbia, produced by British Columbia Ministry of the Environment -

<< On sports turf, safety considerations also influence treatment decisions because bare areas or large weedy patches can increase the SLIPPING HAZARD. >>



#### Pest control products PREVENT slipping injuries

Proper weed control on turf HELPS PREVENT SLIPPING INJURIES by eliminating broad-leaved weeds.

The Precautionary Principle states -

<< 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. >>

Therefore, the Precautionary Principle dictates that, with the choice between treating and not treating, the decision for proper weed control must be made.

Therefore, turf pest control products SHOULD NOT BE PROHIBITED.

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The Need for Appealing and Well-Maintained Green Spaces

Dr. James D. Lu is Medical Health Officer for the Vancouver Coastal Health Unit.

On February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Dr. Lu wrote a letter to the Municipal Council in Richmond, British Columbia —

<< The aesthetics of urban landscapes has public health value.

Appealing and well-kept neighbourhoods increase the public's sense of safety and increase outdoor activities in neighbourhoods.

A comprehensive Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach offers a better alternative to cosmetic pesticide ban by-laws.

IPM strikes a balance between prudence, public policy, and private choice. >>

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He is Canada's MOST ELOQUENT and INTELLIGENT WRITER on the subject of public policy and pest control products.

In Letters To The Editor, Holland has EFFECTIVELY and FREQUENTLY SPOKEN OUT AGAINST Anti-Pesticide Activists.

The Integrated Environmental Plant Management Association of Western Canada (IEPMA), in conjunction with its membership, has been VERY decisive regarding the CONSPIRACY to PROHIBIT pest control products in British Columbia.

After all, conventional pest control products are HEALTH-CANADA-APPROVED, FEDERALLY-LEGAL, SCIENTIFICALLY-SAFE, and PRACTICAL-LY-NON-TOXIC.

The Integrated Environmental Plant Management Association has correctly recognized that this is a BEACH-HEAD in the FIGHT FOR VICTORY against the ANTI-PESTICIDE CONSPIRACY to PROHIBIT pest control products in British Columbia.

Here are Mr. Holland's career highlights and accomplishments –

Fields of study — Honours BA in History and Geology, post-graduate work in History

Notable work — owner of a large professional lawn and tree care company in the Okanagan Region of British Columbia (1983 – 2004) supervisor of a structural pest control company (1979 – 1982)

Special contributions — Communications Director of Integrated Environmental Plant Management Association of Western Canada ( 2007 – present ) — Vice-President of Integrated Environmental Plant Management Association of Western Canada ( 1998 – 2007 ) — President of Environmental Standards Association ( 1985 – 1994 ) — Co-Founder of Environmental Standards Association, the fore-runner to IEPMA ( 1984 )

### John J. Holland's Wisdom

Here are some examples of Holland's wisdom -

Agencies of your own Government — namely Health Canada and the PMRA [Pest Management Regulatory Agency of Health Canada ] — have stated on numerous occasions that 2,4–D POSES NO UNACCEPTABLE RISKS TO THE PUBLIC.

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.

If one does wish to reference the Precautionary Principle (particularly the Wingspread Version) — There is SUBSTANTIAL AND UNDENIABLE PROOF for both « serious » and « irreversible » harm to employees and families of applicator companies (and to the companies themselves). In Quebec and Ontario, many companies have been driven out of business — there is no lack of any certainty about this. In spite of the claims of activists to the contrary, THOUSANDS OF EMPLOYEES HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS, and they and their families are suffering the consequences, health and otherwise — there is no lack of certainty about this.

As you may be aware, there are also numerous MISLEADING or UN-SCIENTIFIC — studies with such a negative point of view, such as the Ontario College of Family Physicians' [ OCFP ] Pesticide Literature Review ( 2004 ). This review has been used to support almost every proposed pesticide ban, from the Municipal to the Provincial (e.g., Ontario) level. The information used by those like the OCFP has been CHERRY-PICKED by the physicians - NOT SCIENTISTS writing the report, and the report has been DISCOUNTED by many scientists and government experts in this and other countries. Studies used are generally all epidemiological, and links to cancer and other diseases have been WEAK and NOT CONSISTENT from study to study. Toxicological studies DO NOT CONFIRM the epidemiological findings. By definition, epidemiology CANNOT FIND CAUSES - they merely suggest correlations, and the basic tenet of epidemiology is that correlation does not mean causation. Studies must also be consistently reproducible before a finding can be found meaningful. At any rate, the OCFP study ignored or downplayed other important epidemiological studies that did not conform to its premise of the dangers of pesticides ( again, check with the PMRA ).

CAPE and Forman also seem to believe, with NO SCIENTIFIC PROOF, that all synthetic pesticides cause cancer.

Despite popular belief, Canadian Cancer Society, which has taken such a large and activist role against pesticides, is NOT A SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATION. Canadian

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Cancer Society is a volunteer advocacy and fund-raising association, with NOT A SINGLE SCIENTIST on staff with pesticide expertise.

From your statements, I would have to assume that you must consider the 350 qualified scientists of the PMRA incompetent and/or incapable of arriving at correct scientific findings.

It must first be noted that there is NO SUCH THING as « full scientific certainty ». ONE CANNOT PROVE A NEGATIVE. It is IMPOSSIBLE to prove scientifically that pest control products — or any substance, including water- — could NEVER harm anything or anyone under ANY circumstances. There is also NO PROOF of « environmental degradation » caused by what are erroneously termed « cosmetic » pest control products.

Municipal and provincial governments and even health-related professional organizations have been taking advice on pesticides from those who are THE LEAST QUALIFIED TO PROVIDE IT. These governments also ignore those who have THE ESSENTIAL EXPERTISE, such as Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA).

Products containing 2,4–D DO NOT POSE UNACCEPTABLE RISKS to human health or the environment. They also have value for lawn and turf, agriculture, forestry and industrial uses when used according to the label directions proposed in previous consultation documents.

There are NO efficacious or cost-effective alternatives to the conventional products being banned. Due to their POOR PERFORMANCE, the « alternative » products left have to be applied more often, with more applicator visits, dramatically increasing an applicator's environmental footprint — there is no lack of certainty about this.

While there have been numerous studies published on the effects of pesticides on human health, the VAST MAJORITY have shown that there are NO DISCERNABLE HEALTH PROBLEMS.

2,4–D has been registered in our country since 1946, and is the third most-used herbicide in Canada. If there were health problems related to 2,4–D's application, it would seem obvious that concrete proof — after over 60 years of use — would have surfaced by now, particularly when you realize that there have been thousands of studies, and numerous re-evaluations by both Health Canada and the U.S. EPA [ Environmental Protection Agency ]. This herbicide is probably THE MOST STUDIED PESTICIDE IN HISTORY.



In the 9|11 Era of Environmental Terrorism, at least ONE SUBVERSIVE ACT OF TERROR is Perpetrated EVERY SINGLE DAY by enviro lunatics.

We are living in the DARK AGE OF ANTI-PESTICIDE TERRORISM where sound science is trumped by JUNK SCIENCE and UNVERIFIABLE SECRET EVIDENCE through FABRICATION, INNUENDO, and INTERNET RUMOUR - scientific research PROVES that pest control products CAUSE NO HARM and can be USED SAFELY.

NORAHG is National Organization Responding Against HUJE that seek to harm the Green Space Industry.

NORAHG represents the VAST SILENT MAJORITY of people in the Green Space Industry who are OPPOSED to PROHI-BITION.

NORAHG is a NATIONAL NON PROFIT NON PARTISAN organization dedicated to representing the work of RESPECTED and HIGHLY RATED EXPERTS who promote PESTICIDE REALISM and PESTICIDE TRUTHS.

HUJE are enviro lunatics, anti pesticide activists, and lawn haters, who particularly DESPISE the golf industry. They are Hateful Underhanded Jokes as Environmentalists who have been WRONG FOR OVER 50 YEARS. There is NO RE-COURSE but LITIGATION against these HUJE, as well as CANCELLATION of GOVERNMENT GRANTS and REVOCATION of the TAX-EXEMPT STATUS of their organizations. HUJE should Get OFF Our grASS, and they should Roast In Hell.

NORAHG manages the Library Computer Access and Retrieval System for all anti pesticide terrorist acts of subversion.

The NORAHG Library Computer Access and Retrieval System is a VAST ARCHIVE of DOCUMENTS, AUDIO CLIPS, and VIDEOS on ALL anti pesticide activities has been made AVAILABLE through NORAHG to anyone interested in litigation.

These ARCHIVES contain names, statements, activities, and affiliations of ALL anti pesticide vermin, including government officials, as well as charitable prohibition terrorist organizations that DO NOT DESERVE ANY tax exempt status.

Interested parties need only to send NORAHG their REQUESTS for ANY INFORMATION needed in the War Against Lunatic Terrorist PROHIBITION.

NORAHG also produces FORCE OF NATURE, reports that present THE WHOLE TRUTH FROM AN INDEPENDENT PER-SPECTIVE about environmental issues, including anti pesticide terrorism.

FORCE OF NATURE is a series of reports destined for the green space industry, the environmental terrorist movement, governments, and the media, nationwide across Canada, the United States, and overseas.

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Finally, NORAHG frequently responds to anti pesticide activists in LETTERS TO THE EDITOR in newspapers across Canada and around the world.

All information, excerpts, and pictures contained in FORCE OF NATURE, A LOOK AT, and LETTERS TO THE EDITOR were retrieved from the Internet, and may be considered in the public domain.

FORCE OF NATURE, A LOOK AT, and their various incarnations, was the brainchild of William H. Gathercole (now retired) and his colleagues.

Here is a brief summary of Mr. Gathercole's career -

Fields of study — Horticulture/Agriculture, Mathematics, Physics

Alma mater — McGill University • University of Guelph • the first person ever to obtain university degrees and contribute to both the professional lawn care and golf maintenance industries

Expertise in — environmental issues and anti pesticide terrorism • turf and ornamental maintenance and troubleshooting • history of the industry • sales and distribution of seeds, chemicals, fertilizers, and equipment • fertilizer manufacturing and distribution

Notable activities — worked in virtually all aspects of the green space industry, including golf, professional lawn care, distribution, environmental compliance, government negotiations, public affairs, and workplace safety • supervisor, consultant, and, programmer for the successful execution of hundreds of thousands of management operations in the golf and urban landscape, as well as millions of pest control applications • advisor, instructor, and trainer for thousands of turf and ornamental managers and technicians • pesticide certification instructor for thousands of industry workers • founder of the modern professional lawn care industry • prolific writer for industry publications and e-newsletters • first to confirm the invasion of European Chafer insect in both the Montreal region and the Vancouver/Fraser Valley region • with Dr. Peter Dernoeden, confirmed the presence of Take All Patch as a disease of turf in Eastern Canada • with Dr. David Shetlar, confirmed the presence of Kentucky Bluegrass Scale as an insect pest in South Western Ontario, and later, in the Montreal and Vancouver regions

Special contributions — creator of the exception status that has allowed the golf industry to avoid being subjected to anti pesticide prohibition • creator of the signs that are now used for posting after application • co-founder of annual winter convention for Quebec golf course superintendents • the major influence in the decision by Canadian Cancer Society to stop selling for profit pesticide treated daffodils • the only true reliable witness of the events of anti pesticide prohibition in the town of Hudson, Quebec • retired founder of FORCE OF NATURE and A LOOK AT enewsletters

Notable award — the very first man of the year for contributions leading to the successful founding of Quebec professional lawn care industry, which served as a beach-head against anti pesticide activists in the 1980s and 1990s

Legacy — Mr. Gathercole and his colleagues ... designed and implemented strategies that reined anti pesticide activists to provide peace and prosperity for the entire modern green space industry across Canada • orchestrated legal action against anti pesticide activists in the town of Hudson, Quebec • launched the largest founding professional lawn care business in Canada • quadrupled the business revenues of one of the largest suppliers in Canada

Mr. Gathercole is now retired, although his name continues to appear as founder of FORCE OF NATURE and A LOOK AT e-newsletters.

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