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THE WHOLE TRUTH FROM AN INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE from  
National Organization Responding Against HUJE that seek to harm the Green Space Industry (NORAHG)



Environmental Terrorists



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## Controversial Prohibition

NEW YORK CITY PCB REMOVAL  
FROM LIGHT FIXTURES NOT SUCH A BRIGHT IDEA

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Selected and adapted excerpts



PCB, « *polychlorinated biphenyl* », is an organic compound.

PCBs were used for a variety of applications, including dielectric fluids for capacitors and transformers, heat transfer fluids, hydraulic fluids, lubricating and cutting oils.

PCBs were also used as an additive in adhesives, carbonless copy paper, flame-retardants, paints, pest control products, plastics, and sealants.

Concerns over the toxicity and persistence of PCBs in the environment led the U.S. Congress to remove their domestic production in 1977.

Nonetheless, some PCB usage continues in closed systems, such as capacitors and transformers.

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On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011, after months-long pressure on the New York City to REPLACE LIGHT FIXTURES containing PCBs in schools, the Environmental Protection Agency finally got its way when the city administration said it would allocate 708 MILLION DOLLARS for the effort over the next decade.

708 MILLION DOLLARS !

Fluorescent light fixtures in 772 New York City Schools — almost two-thirds of the city's school buildings — will either be replaced completely or get new ballasts because they contain PCBs.

An article in The New York Times labels the chemical as a carcinogen that impairs the immune system and reproductive function and lowers I.Q.

This prompted American Council on Science and Health staffer Susan Ingber to ask —

*<< If parents and officials are so worried about the presence of PCBs in light fixtures lowering I.Q., what about all the money that will be removed from the school budget to replace these lights — won't that have a much greater adverse effect on kids' intelligence ? >>*

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According to Dr. Gilbert Ross of the American Council on Science and Health (ACSH) —

PCB contamination DOES NOT POSE AN IMMINENT HEALTH THREAT, and contrary to what everyone says, the chemical is NOT actually a human carcinogen,

Dr. Ross says that he doesn't blame parents for being worried.

*<< Parents' fear is not based on science, as the ban was based on rodent experiments, as usual. >>*

*<< Even in a study analyzing the health effects of PCBs in the most highly exposed workers, there was NO EVIDENCE of an increase in the incidence of cancer. >>*

*<< Therefore, all of the energy and resources invested in removing PCBs in light fixtures for the so-called benefit of public health WILL AMOUNT TO ZERO. >>*

According to Dr. Elizabeth M. Whelan, President of the American Council on Science and Health (ACSH) —

*<< This is another example of FEAR TRUMPING SCIENCE. >>*

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SIMILARITIES BETWEEN DDT AND PCBs LED TO  
CONFUSION REGARDING EFFECTS ON WILDLIFE

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Many reports that sought to connect the decline of birds with DDT were based on analytical procedures that did not distinguish between DDT and PCBs.

In the 1960s, « *gas chromatography* » was universally used for the analysis of pest control products in animal, plant, and soil samples.

In a research report by Blus et al in 1971, it was reported that there was « *significant correlations* » between DDE ( a metabolite of DDT ) and PCB residues.

This was attributed to the similar patterns of contamination of these compounds.

Also in the 1960s, there was a widely publicized report about alleged DDT contamination in the Antarctic.

The report claimed that birds and fish were contained DDT.

In fact, experts now claim that PCBs leached from the plastic containers that samples were stored in prior to analysis.

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PCBs USED AS A PRETEXT TO PROHIBIT  
PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS IN QUEBEC

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On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1988, the terrified residents of the small town Saint-Basile-le-Grand, located south of Montreal, were evacuated from their homes when a fire ravaged a warehouse containing five-hundred barrels of oil contaminated with PCBs.



The media labelled this event as « *the largest PCB fire in Canadian history* ».

The residents were awakened late at night by explosions resulting from the fire.

When a vast cloud of ominous smoke spread out across the town, emergency workers told the three-thousand residents to flee the area.

The cloud eventually deposited soot and grime over the entire town.

It would take eighteen days before the residents were allowed to return home.

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Why are we reporting this story ?

What does this have to do with the Professional Lawn Care Industry ?

After all, PCBs were used commercially as coolants and lubricants in transformers and capacitors since the 1930s.

Such products are obviously not used by the Professional Lawn Care Industry.

The net result of the Saint-Basile catastrophe, combined with other incidents, led to more strict federal regulations on PCB management.

New regulations were enacted to control PCB waste storage, and a federal PCB destruction program was eventually launched.

Why was this important to the Professional Lawn Care Industry ?

The Saint-Basile affair gave civil servants, journalists, ordinary citizens, and politicians, an early taste for demanding and dealing with the use and disposal of those modern chemicals that were pervasive in our society.

The Saint-Basile affair set a more serious tone for societal debates regarding pest control products, especially in the Province of Quebec.

And we all know what eventually happened there !

# NORAHG

Force Of Nature presents THE WHOLE TRUTH FROM AN INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE from National Organization Responding Against HUIJE that seek to harm the Green Space Industry (NORAHG). It is a series of Reports destined for the Green Space Industry, the Environmental Terror Movement, Governments, and the Media, nationwide across Canada, the United States, and overseas. 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. The neutrality of these Reports might be disputed. Don't thank us. It's a public service. And we are glad to do it.

HUIJE are identified on the basis of their statements, activities, affiliations, and whereabouts. Even though each Enviro Lunatic Culprit is a misguided adversary, each still deserves our respect. The use of the terms Lunatic, Maniac, Culprit, Terrorist, or Basterd are not accusations of any legal wrong doing. Force Of Nature is simply holding Enviro Lunatic Activists accountable for conspiring to change public policies that TERRORIZE, HARM, and THREATEN the Green Space Industry.

HUIJE is a term used to describe Enviro Lunatic Activists that routinely concoct FEAR MONGERING, FRAUDULENT LIES, MISCONCEPTIONS, COERCION, THREATS, DECEPTIONS, TERROR, and PARANOID CONSPIRACIES that are DESIGNED to SCAM and DECEIVE the public into believing there is some IMAGINARY DANGER with conventional pest control products. HUIJE also SCAM and DECEIVE Government Officials into the NEEDLESS, SENSELESS, and MALICIOUS CONSPIRACY to PROHIBIT conventional pest control products that are FEDERALLY LEGAL, SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE, TOTALLY IRREPLACEABLE, and ABSOLUTELY INDISPENSABLE.

HUIJE have created LOSS OF REVENUES, BUSINESS FAILURES, BANKRUPTCY, and UNEMPLOYMENT, inflicting DESPAIR and DESTITUTION for THOUSANDS of hapless victims throughout the Green Space Industry. The DEPRAVED INDIFFERENCE of Lunatic Culprit Terrorist Basterd HUIJE is viewed as a form of TERROR, HARM, and THREAT against the Green Space Industry.

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Force Of Nature, and its various incarnations, is the brainchild of William H. Gathercole and his colleagues. Mr. 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, PROFESSIONAL LAWN CARE, and CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, and has served in environmental compliance, government negotiations, public affairs, and workplace safety. Mr. Gathercole has supervised, consulted, programmed, and/or overseen the successful and safe 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 and his colleagues have followed the evolution of LUNATIC ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISM for over a quarter century. For FIFTEEN YEARS, the strategies designed and implemented by Mr. Gathercole and his colleagues guaranteed the control of the VERMIN OF ENVIRONMENTAL TERROR for the entire Modern Green Space Industry across Canada. Their involvement in Environmental Issues reached a fevered pitch in the 1990s, when he orchestrated, with his colleagues, legal action against the Forces of Environmental Evil in the Town of Hudson, Quebec.

Today, Mr. Gathercole is the ONLY TRUE RELIABLE WITNESS of the Hudson Affair. Mr. Gathercole is personally credited for crafting the Golf Industry Exception Status that endures to this day. He is also the creator of the signs that are now used for posting after application. His vast knowledge of our long journey with Environmental Issues is UNDENIABLE — hopefully ! Mr. Gathercole is now retired, although his name continues to appear as FOUNDER of Force Of Nature.

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## The Whole Truth from an Independent Perspective

A woman with long, dark, wavy hair is shown in profile, looking towards the right. She is wearing a black, sleeveless, form-fitting dress. She is standing on a surface of small, light-colored rocks or gravel. The lighting is dramatic, with strong shadows and highlights, suggesting a bright, sunny day. The overall mood is artistic and evocative.

*Battering society with  
stunningly expensive  
and pretentious ideas*