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[Health Canada considers approving new pesticide related to neonics](#)

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Vancouver park board institutes pesticide ban to help save honeybees Health Canada blamed the use of neonics for a spate of bee deaths in 2012 and in 2013.

A new pesticide produced by multinational agri-science firm Bayer CropScience is being considered for approval by the Canadian government. Flupyradifurone is a chemical similar to a controversial class of pesticides called neonicotinoids, say opponents.

You might be forgiven for finding the potential approval of flupyradifurone a little curious given the groundswell of resistance to existing neonic pesticides, which are known to be harmful to honeybees. The Vancouver park board just this week, [banned the use of this class of pesticides](#) in city parks as a way to reduce potential harm to honeybees and other pollinators.

Health Canada issued [a damning assessment of the effects of neonics](#), noting their role in honeybee mortality.

“Scientists have called for a global phase-out of neonics. The last thing we need is another systemic pesticide contaminating the environment,” said Karen Eatwell, National Farmers Union.

The [45-day public consultation period](#) for this application closes on November 3. Comments must be submitted to the Pest Management Regulatory Agency. Detailed information on the flupyradifurone application are on the [Health Canada website](#).

Environmental groups, such as the David Suzuki Foundation and the Sierra Club, are raising the alarm over the application citing the risk to non-target insects and birds and the persistence of flupyradifurone in the environment, in soil and water.

“Why doesn’t Health Canada follow the precautionary principle and keep threats to the environment off the market?” asked John Bennett, Sierra Club Canada Foundation.

“Health Canada has admitted the use of neonicotinoid pesticides threatens bees and other pollinators and has promised a review, but meanwhile wants to open the door to its chemical cousin,” said Lisa Gue, a spokeswoman for the David Suzuki Foundation. “Is the government taking the threat of systemic pesticides seriously?”

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NORAHG RESPONDS AGAINST BEE CONSPIRACY ACTIVISTS LIKE SUZUKI & SIERRA (A.K.A. NATIONAL FARMERS UNION).

Bee conspiracy activists are ALARMING AND MIS-INFORMING the public with FALSE ALLEGATIONS concerning Neonicotinoid Insecticides! Just like they did with the so-called Global Warming issue, which has now been DEBUNKED. Overall, neonicotinoid insecticides DO NOT HARM BEES. If these bee conspiracy activists were not so scientifically illiterate, they would know that scientific research shows that, as reported through EPA's and Health Canada's vast toxicology database, no harm will occur to bees. The alleged losses of bees are, in fact, the fault of the bee-keepers and THEIR mis-management practices. They are responsible, and NOT neonicotinoid insecticides. Their prohibition will not save bees since harming bees with these insecticides is a MYTH! Neonicotinoid insecticides cause NO harm, and DO NOT harm bees. Researchers have NOT identified a single cause of over-wintering honeybee losses. Moreover, researchers have NOT been able to identify a single cause of bee colony collapse disorder. Under normal field use of neonicotinoid insecticides, the exposure to bees is at very low levels, far too low to cause harmful effects. There is NO evidence to suggest a link between neonicotinoid insecticides and bee colony collapse disorder. Overall, so-called links and causes between bee colony collapse disorder and neonicotinoid insecticides are mere MYTHS! The weight of the scientific evidence clearly shows that neonicotinoid insecticides DO NOT affect long-term colony health. Overall, neonicotinoid insecticides play a NEGLIGIBLE role compared to diseases, viruses and loss of habitat. Most experts agree that, in recent years, bee colony collapse disorder is the result of a combination of factors, including parasitic mites and diseases. Recent scientific research points toward a combination of parasitic mites (specifically the varroa mite) and pathogens (such as nosema and viral diseases) as main factors. Although some neonicotinoid insecticides are toxic to bees upon direct contact (as are many insecticides), they are used in a way that minimizes any direct exposure to bees, such as seed treatment. Seed treatment insecticides have been used for a decade with almost NO incidences of negative impacts on bees by minimizing potential exposures of non-target insects such as bees. Independent, long-term, controlled field tests have repeatedly shown NO effects on bee losses, weight gain, worker longevity, brood development, honey yield, and over-winter survival relative to bees in areas where treated seed was not used. If we had less conventional neonicotinoid use in the environment, we would still have bee colony collapse disorder, because many bee-keepers are NOT competent to manage their hives. Prohibition will not save bees. <http://tinyurl.com/pxqzh6m> For the whole truth regarding BEES, go to The Pesticide Truths Web-Site... <http://wp.me/p1jq40-6WJ> <http://wp.me/p1jq40-2BA> <http://wp.me/p1jq40-6H8> <http://wp.me/p1jq40-7ty> NORAHG is the National Organization Responding Against HUJE that seek to destroy the Green space industry. WILLIAM H GATHERCOLE AND NORA H G Get the latest details at <http://pesticidettruths.com/> <http://pesticidettruths.com/toc/> <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2rr> <https://www.facebook.com/norah.gfon>.

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