

Eugene bee deaths result in \$16,000 in fines

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The company sprayed Linden trees even after the Oregon Department of Agriculture warned it should not be done.

A Eugene, Ore., pesticide service company and an applicator have been fined a combined \$16,000 for killing an estimated 1,000 bees in an incident at an apartment complex last summer.

An investigation by the Oregon Department of Agriculture determined that Glass Tree Care and Spray Service, Inc. and pesticide applicator James P. Mischkot, Jr. violated the state's pesticide control law through "gross negligence" and in a faulty, careless manner.

The company was fined \$10,000 and Mischkot was fined \$6,000.

According to the ag department, Mischkot sprayed a pesticide containing the active ingredient imidacloprid on the grounds of a North Eugene apartment complex, including on 17 linden trees.

The trees were in full bloom and attracting pollinators at the time. After highly publicized bee kills in 2013, the department prohibited using imidacloprid and dinotefuran on linden trees and other Tilia species. The department also ordered labeling changes on the products.

Anticipating the presence of pollinators is part of the reasonable standard of care for pesticide application in Oregon, according to the ag department. In this case, the company and its applicator disregarded that standard, the department said.

**NORAHG RESPONDS AGAINST HORRIFIC AND EXCESSIVE FINE IN EUGENE,
OREGON FOR THE SMALLEST AND MOST INSIGNIFICANT PESTICIDE VIOLATION
— \$16,000 FOR THE ALLEGED DEATH OF A MERE 1000 BEES ?!?!**

Oregon Department of Agriculture appears to be INFESTED with Anti-Pesticide State Regulators whose OBJECTIVE IS THE DESTRUCTION OF BUSINESSES OPERATING IN THE PROFESSIONAL TREE CARE INDUSTRY. The HORRIFIC EUGENE FINE is COMPLETELY OUT-OF-PROPORTION WITH THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE VIOLATION. Because this HORRIFIC EUGENE FINE, the owners, employees, and families dependent on these businesses are facing TERROR, DESPAIR, and DESTITUTION. This HORRIFIC EUGENE FINE, in fact, represents MERE ABUSE OF GOVERNMENT POWER AND AUTHORITY, and ABSOLUTE TERRORIZATION AGAINST LEGITIMATE, LAW-ABIDING, AND TAX-PAYING BUSINESSES. The HORRIFIC EUGENE FINE CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES that State Regulators use the SMALLEST OF PESTICIDE VIOLATIONS as a PRETEXT FOR IMPOSING PUNISHMENT WITH FINES that are ARBITRARY, BRUTAL, HORRIFIC, INCONSISTENT, PREJUDICIAL, STUNNINGLY DEBILITATING, and COMPLETELY OUT-OF-PROPORTION WITH THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE VIOLATION. In essence, State Regulators at Oregon Department of Agriculture are MISLEADING the public by PRETENDING that their HORRIFIC EUGENE FINE SOMEHOW PROTECTS THE ENVIRONMENT FROM PESTICIDES. State Regulators also EXAGGERATED THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE VIOLATION. 1000 BEES ! A MERE 1000 BEES ?!?! REALLY ?!?! Are these State Regulators FOR REAL ?!?! This is, INDEED, the SMALLEST of pesticide violations ! If we follow their logic, how about IMPOSING HORRIFIC FINES against Bee-Keepers WHO HAVE KILLED BILLIONS OF BEES THROUGH MIS-MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ALONE ?!?! WHO WANTS TO LIVE IN A SOCIETY WHERE HORRIFIC FINES ARE ARBITRARILY IMPOSED BY PREJUDICED ANTI-PESTICIDE BUSINESS-HATING STATE REGULATORS WHO OPERATE THEIR JURISDICTIONS LIKE PSEUDO NAZI GERMANY ?!?! NORAHG has archived more reports concerning HORRIFIC FINES on The Pesticide Truths Web-Site ... <http://wp.me/P1jq40-4Xa> NORAHG is the National Organization Responding Against HUJE that seek to destroy the Green space and other industries. WILLIAM H GATHERCOLE AND NORAH G Get the latest details at <http://pesticidetruths.com/> <http://pesticidetruths.com/toc/> <http://wp.me/P1jq40-2rr> <https://www.facebook.com/norah.gfon>