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Attention: Administrators of the Cranbrook East Kootenay Regional Hospital and Cranbrook City Councilor's (no email addresses)

To Whom It May Concern,

Please be advised that you have been given notice of an impending aerial application of a bacterial pesticide with 87% of its formulation unknown. This application will take place within 1 km of your hospital on Sunday and Monday of this coming week. Your administration representative, Ms. Pollock, has been notified, and you are being given this information because your administration has not acknowledged correspondence on this important event that may affect your hospital. You are encouraged to monitor this application for spray drift onto your property and to ensure that your air conditioning units are off while spraying commences on Sunday. Cleaning all structures with pesticide residues caked on them is of paramount importance.

Under WorkSafe BC pesticide regulations, you are required to have an action plan in place to deal with exposure and residue cleanup. You are also encouraged to have personnel available on the ground after any spraying to provide advice and assistance to those who may have been unknowingly exposed. Attached is the aerial label for Foray 48B. Pesticides are designed to kill organisms, and a bacterial pesticide is susceptible to potential contamination and genetic mutation. Should this happen, our groups sincerely hope that you have an emergency plan in place to deal with a bacterial contamination event?

Please act on this information and protect your staff, patients and passerby's.

Sincerely,

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May 23, 2024

Honourable Premier David Eby and Cabinet

Office of the Premier

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Dear Premier Eby and Cabinet,

The West Kelowna Branch of the Kelowna Citizens Safety Association (WKB/KCSA) and the Call To Action Cranbrook organization are writing to request immediate compliance by the Ministry of Forests with WorkSafe BC pesticide regulations concerning the aerial spraying of a bacterial pesticide in 13 BC communities, including the spraying conducted this morning in Victoria.

Your administration has issued an Order in Council (OIC) allowing the application of Foray 48B, a bacterial pesticide with over 87% of its formulation undisclosed, across 13 BC communities. These areas include residential, commercial, industrial, park zones, government offices, and government-funded facilities such as hospitals, schools, care homes, and homeless shelters.

WorkSafe BC's mandate is to enforce the Workers Compensation Act and the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations (OHSR) to safeguard the health and safety of workers across the province. According to OHSR pesticide regulations, if pesticides are used in a workplace in BC, informed consent must be obtained from workers, mitigation plans established, re-entry plans formulated, and facilities for washing made available. Additionally, residues adhering to structures and air conditioning filters must be cleaned. The current government-sanctioned aerial pesticide applications is not following or requiring that these critical safety regulations are in place.

When the Ministry of Forests applies a pesticide from the air, it inevitably lands on people, pets, and the facilities and structures listed above. This bacterial pesticide is now **stored** on government and employer properties, requiring actions to mitigate its' presence and its' residues. OHSR, Sections 6.72 to 6.109, apply to any workplace where pesticides are used, **stored**, or handled, which means they should be in force and being followed.

We urgently request that as Premier, and your Cabinet halt these applications immediately, particularly the planned spraying in Cranbrook this weekend. The main hospital in Cranbrook is adjacent to the spray zone, raising significant concerns about spray drift entering the hospital and affecting patients and staff. Similarly, in Kelowna, spraying with only 24 hours notice will affect schools, care homes, homeless shelters, and numerous RV dealers, necessitating substantial cleanup efforts.

It is highly concerning that the use of this bacterial pesticide is proceeding without comprehensive knowledge of potential contamination or the specific Btk strain used. Each strain of Bt has a unique genetic sequence and mode of action, and strains can be genetically manipulated. You are requested to test the Btk for purity and potential endotoxin encoding and also ensure that a sample of the full formulation is taken and stored before spraying. This will allow health authorities to assess any adverse events should the Bt bacteria be contaminated and people and

pets exposed.

We implore you to halt these applications immediately. Should you proceed, it is imperative that WorkSafe BC regulations are followed meticulously to protect employers and workers. This includes mitigating exposure risks, ensuring proper cleanup, and initiating a testing program to monitor pesticide residues and their breakdown metabolites over time.

As a government, you have the responsibility to lead by example by following your own OHSR pesticide regulations meant to safeguard workplaces and the health of your constituents. We trust you will take immediate action to address these critical concerns. Please advise what actions you intend to take in this important health matter.

Sincerely,

On behalf of the West Kelowna Branch of the Kelowna Citizens Association

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