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May 6, 2024

Lee-Ann Tiede, Chair
Board of Education
School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan)
1040 Hollywood Rd S.
Kelowna, B.C. V1X 4N2

Re; WorkSafe BC regulations regarding the Imminent Aerial Spraying and residues of BTK in and on West Kelowna Schools

Dear Lee-Ann Tiede, Chair and Members of the Board of Education,

The West Kelowna Branch of the Kelowna Citizens Safety Association (WKB/KCSA) wrote a letter to you and the Board of Education on April 25, 2024 regarding the imminent aerial spraying of the bacterial pesticide BTK Foray 48B, over West Kelowna, including 4 schools within 1 km of the spray zone. (Map attached). We encouraged you and the Board to implement a plan to protect your staff, students and the public. Many of our recommendations in our April 25th letter should be incorporated given they are mentioned in the WorkSafe BC regulations, such as cleaning up the bacterial pesticide residues,

Please be advised that the WKB/KCSA believes that you are required under WorkSafe BC regulations to notify your employees, students and staff that several aerial pesticide applications will be taking place in and around West Kelowna schools. (map attached regarding a 1 km spray drift zone) All schools are within the one kilometer spray drift zone.

As per the WorkSafe BC Occupational Health and Safety regulations you will need to determine whether pesticide drift onto or will enter these four schools. We are prepared to supply the Board of Education with Kromekote pesticide spray drift cards if you want to

ensure that a pesticide mitigation plan is in place and should the pesticide drift land on school properties you will know.

Section 6.76 of the WorkSafe BC regulations requires you as an employer to notify staff and students of this imminent aerial pesticide application that will be landing on and in your schools. These regulations speak to the deposition of pesticides on school property, and the health and safety precautions that must be followed which includes Informed consent and the need for employers to create a plan to mitigate exposure to this bacterial insecticide and the resulting residues of unknown toxicity. Please bear in mind that the residues will contain the active bacteria comprised of spores and insecticidal toxins and the 87% of unknown ingredients.

The regulations also speak to the cleanup of residues which will occur even though the Ministry of Forests states that this product causes no harm to humans or pets. If this was truly the case, why are their label precautions as to the adverse effects that may result from the pesticide exposure. (BTK aerially spraying label attached. Please not the precautions).

We urge School District 23 to prioritize the well-being of students, teachers, and staff by creating and implementing a bacterial pesticide mitigation plan that will protect and mitigate exposure to this bacterial pesticide with 87% of the formulation unknown. Please advise the WKB/KCSA if you intend to follow the WorkSafe BC regulations and implement a bacterial pesticide mitigation plan to protect workers, staff and the public.

Sincerely yours,

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

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