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For Immediate Release

May 1, 2024 - The West Kelowna Branch of the Kelowna Citizens Safety Association (WKB/KCSA) supports the April 29, 2024 letter sent by Communities United For Clean Air (CUFCA) regarding reported breaches of the permitted aerial pesticide application of Foray 48B that took place on April 28th 2024 over the City of Delta and the Township of Langley.

The Ministry of Forests (MOF) has been reported to have breached Sections 4.9 and 4.10(k), 6.2, and 6.12. of the pesticide use permit. "This is extremely alarming in that the MOF has violated its permit by not properly notifying the community of the application, but spraying when it is raining and the winds were above the permit requirements, stated Manchester.

The WKB/KCSA is demanding that the Administrator appointed under the Integrated Pest Management Act, SBC 2003, c 58 ("IPMA") immediately revoke or suspend the Permit as well as associated Pesticide Use Permit No. 738-0038-24-24, pursuant to authority granted under Section 15(1) of the IPMA.

The WKB/KCSA is also requesting that the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy's British Columbia Conservation Officer Service immediately initiate an investigation and enforcement of these breaches by the Permit Holder, pursuant to authority granted under Sections 17, 20, 23, 26 and 28 of the IPMA.

"It is only reasonable that the MOF cease and desist from any further actions with respect to spraying Foray 48B in 13 communities across the Province. The demonstrated non-compliance with several Permit conditions and the potential for adverse effects on humans, pets, and the environment is unacceptable given 87% of the formulation is unknown and not disclosed", stated Manchester.

For further inquiries or information, please contact Lloyd Manchester at NoSpray kcsa@proton.me. Or 250-878-9352

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