



November 16, 2004

Ms. Sue Peterson, Volunteer Administrator
Safe Drinking Water Foundation
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Dear Ms. Peterson:

Thank you for your letter identifying your concerns regarding the use and application of pesticides, particularly with respect to children.

We welcome your suggestions and concerns. They, like all others we have received, will be considered during Saskatchewan Environment's process of developing the province's Green Strategy. The Green Strategy is currently in the preparation stage and both the proposed actions and the consultation process have yet to be determined.

Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency has the mandate to protect human health, safety and the environment by minimizing risks associated with pesticides. Saskatchewan Environment will continue to promote the responsible use of pesticides and support the development of safer application methods and alternative pest control products.

Saskatchewan Environment is involved in the City of Regina's Integrated Pest Management Committee, Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology's Pesticide Applicator Curriculum Advisory Committee, and the intergovernmental Healthy Lawns Working Group, which examines pesticide use in urban areas. We are also following the City of Saskatoon's review of recommendations that were developed through that City's internal pesticide review process.

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Thank you once again for your suggestions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'D. Forbes', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Forbes
Minister of Environment

cc: All Government MLAs