

# URGENT BULLETIN

## Canada should ban bee-killing neonics in 2018

A league member in Ontario has learned of efforts by the David Suzuki Foundation to encourage 20,000 letters be sent to the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) to ask that the pace be hastened. So far 11,218 letters have been sent ...

Let's action our resolution ON.15.01 Banning the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides and reach those 20,000 letters .... See further explanation through excerpts from the David Suzuki Foundation website as pasted between the lines below...

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France already passed a law to phase out all neonics, starting in September 2018.

**Meanwhile in Canada, the news is not as good. You can help change that!**

Canada's federal pesticide regulator is inviting comments on a half-measures proposal for reducing risks to pollinators from neonics. The proposal would end or restrict some uses of two main neonics, clothianidin and thiamethoxam. **But it would allow continued widespread use of both as seed treatments.**

**Canada's latest proposal falls short of protecting pollinators.**

Neonics are most often used as seed treatments! In Ontario alone, more than one million hectares (nearly three million acres) were planted with neonic-treated corn and soy seed in 2017, despite provincial restrictions to reduce neonic use. **A plan to protect pollinators must address neonic seed treatments *and* sprays.**

**The PMRA has proposed to phase out most uses of a third neonic, imidacloprid - but not until 2021 at the earliest! We need to pick up the pace and *ban all neonics now.***

Send a comment letter to the PMRA in one of two ways:

- 1 Fill out the form at <https://action2.davidsuzuki.org/neonics>, using the sample text provided. Feel free to personalize your letter! or
  - 2 Email the PMRA at [PMRA.publications@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:PMRA.publications@hc-sc.gc.ca). Use "Neonic consultations (PRVD2017-23, PRVD2017-24, PRD2017-17, PRD2017-18)" as the subject line. Copy us at [contact@davidsuzuki.org](mailto:contact@davidsuzuki.org)! Because the PMRA is an agency of Health Canada and Health Minister Ginette Petitpas Taylor is responsible for federal pesticide regulation, copy her at [hccminister.ministresc@canada.ca](mailto:hccminister.ministresc@canada.ca).
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