

Enviro Groups File Lawsuit Seeking EPA Ban on Insecticide

Two environmental groups filed suit against U.S. EPA yesterday in an attempt to force the agency into action on their 2007 petition seeking a ban on the insecticide chlorpyrifos. The court challenge by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and the Pesticide Action Network North America (PANNA) alleges that EPA has "unreasonably delayed" work on the anti-chlorpyrifos petition, which was opened for public comment soon after its filing but never subject to a final ruling. "This failure to act is particularly unreasonable as chlorpyrifos' continued agricultural use exposes farmworkers, bystanders, consumers, and children to harm from this highly toxic pesticide," NRDC and PANNA state in the court filing.

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