

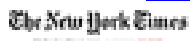
Pesticide Industry Ramps Up Lobbying in Bid to Pare EPA Rules

The pesticide industry is applying extra doses of lobbying in an effort to eradicate federal requirements it considers harmful.

CropLife America -- the trade group for Dow Chemical Co., DuPont, Monsanto Co. and other pesticide makers -- aims to influence dozens of measures, from safe food and drinking water rules to toxic chemical regulations and antiterrorism laws.

"Fundamentally, they're selling poison," Tupper said of pesticide makers. "Pesticides work, do what they're supposed to do, because they're toxic. That needs to be regulated."

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