

## **Beekeepers ask EPA to ban pesticide toxic to bees**

Commercial beekeepers and environmental organizations are asking federal regulators to suspend use of a pesticide they say harms honeybees.

The group filed a petition Wednesday, urging the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) to ban the insecticide, clothianidin.

Beekeepers and some scientists say the chemical contributes to Colony Collapse Disorder by weakening bees' immune systems and making them more susceptible to pathogens.

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