



Three Important Campaign Wins!

Organizing, solid science, litigation and persistence pay off

September, October and November were banner months for Pesticide Action Network North America and our partners. Three campaigns—to protect farmworkers, children and pollinators—hit major benchmarks. Your engagement and support is making our food system safer and more sustainable.

September 28 Farmworkers better protected

After 15 years of national organizing for meaningful protection of workers in the field, farmworker organizations, PAN, our members and allies celebrated the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's announcement of a greatly strengthened federal Worker Protection Standard (WPS).

Now farms must provide better training every year for field workers and pesticide handlers, allow only those 18 or older to handle pesticides, share information about the hazards of pesticides used on each farm, and guarantee emergency assistance after pesticide poisonings. The rules don't go as far as we want, but the coalition (of which PAN is an active member) will monitor implementation and enforcement at the state level to ensure farmworker protections.

Since 2000, PAN has brought farmworkers into direct advocacy to strengthen the WPS. And more recently, we helped expand the movement to include farmer voices from around the country—uniting farmers in support of farmworkers.

What's next? "The WPS does great things," says Margaret Reeves, who leads PAN's farmworker advocacy. "But it doesn't change relationships on the farm. We're bringing our national allies into the Equitable Food Initiative—a partnership of worker unions, consumer advocates, produce growers and major retailers—giving voice and agency to farmworkers as partners in making farming and food safer."

October 30 Action on chlorpyrifos—at last

It took a court order and a virtual avalanche of scientific evidence, but federal pesticide regulators finally did the right thing. On October 30, EPA announced plans to stop chlorpyrifos use (known to farmers as Dow's "Lorsban") on food crops. Already banned for residential use in 2000, use of this brain-harming insecticide has continued in agricultural fields.

"This important milestone reflects years of collaborative campaigning," says Kristin Schafer, PAN's Program &



EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy (left) with PAN's Margaret Reeves visiting a California farm certified by the Equitable Food Initiative.

Policy Director. "Since 2001, PAN has worked with partner groups in frontline communities across the country to document chlorpyrifos exposure with our Drift Catchers and to measure the chemical in people's bodies. We also worked with allies to highlight the harms of chlorpyrifos exposure among farmworkers, and we took EPA to court for not following the science. It took all this—along with courageous community members and outspoken public health experts—to finally spur federal officials to act."

In 2007, Earthjustice filed a suit on behalf of PAN and Natural Resources Defense Council to force EPA to act on scientific evidence of

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PAN Leader Attacked Again for Speaking Out

Dr. Romeo Quijano, president of Pesticide Action Network Philippines, is in the spotlight again—for all the wrong reasons. In addition to threats against him and his family, and ongoing harassment from the pesticide industry and the closely related Philippine banana industry, a libel suit dismissed years ago has been revived.

A medical doctor, toxicologist and retired professor in Pharmacology and Toxicology at the College of Medicine of the University of Philippines (Manila), Dr. Quijano has fought for decades to protect children, Indigenous people, farmworkers and rural communities, who are most impacted by harmful pesticide exposure. He has been a core member of delegations to UN treaty bodies, including the Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions, and has helped to win global bans on some of the most dangerous and persistent chemicals. Along the way, he has earned the respect and appreciation of scientists, activists, advocates and impacted peoples all over the world for his thoughtful, rigorous and courageous leadership.

In 2000, Dr. Quijano published his extensive research on provincial banana plantations in the province of Davao del Sur. The newspaper feature, “Poisoned Lives,” written with his journalist daughter Ilang Ilang, exposed the widespread

Romy Quijano, talking about his grandson David:

When I think about David’s future, and the future of all children, I feel sad and angry, but at the same time, deeply motivated and hopeful.... There is hardly any person or any place on earth that is left uncontaminated and not poisoned to some degree. Children are the hardest hit.



Dr. Romy Quijano examining workers on a banana plantation in Davao del Sur, Philippines. Photos: PAN Asia & the Pacific

and continuous pesticide poisoning of banana workers and their communities. Enraged, the pesticide industry mounted libel suits against them. After years of public attacks, personal threats and intimidation, the cases were dismissed in 2007 and 2013.

In addition to other damages, a revival of this case could result in Dr. Quijano losing his medical license.

Romy, as Dr. Quijano is known in the global environmental health movement, has also been slapped with a complaint of “unprofessionalism” by the Professional Regulatory Commission for “spreading lies.” These accusations came after he testified in June 2015 at a Congressional inquiry in favor of a bill to ban aerial spraying of pesticides.

In response to the legal and personal attacks on Dr. Quijano, PAN International joined more than 100 organizations around the world in appealing to the Professional Regulatory Commission and the Philippines Human Rights Commission to halt harassment of our valued and respected colleague.

Closer to home, less dramatic but still insidious tactics are employed by the pesticide industry and its allies to subdue public criticism. For example, Dr. Jonathan Lundgren, a decorated senior scientist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Research Service (ARS), recently filed a whistleblower complaint accusing the agency of suppressing his findings challenging the safety and efficacy of neonicotinoids—the widely used class of insecticides linked to bee declines.

Join PAN in demanding that regulatory agencies worldwide follow the science on pesticides and their impacts to protect public interest and health, regardless of industry pressure. —

Take Action Support Pesticide Action Network Asia-Pacific’s Twitter campaign to thank and protect Dr. Quijano.

Post your thanks with the hashtag **#SaveDocRomy**. See **@pesticideaction** for examples.

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Program Impacts

In fiscal year July 2014–June 2015, Pesticide Action Network North America challenged control of our food and farming systems by the Big 6 pesticide and genetically engineered seed corporations. We advanced policy at local, state and international levels to reduce use of highly hazardous pesticides, encourage agroecological farming practices and protect bees and other pollinators.

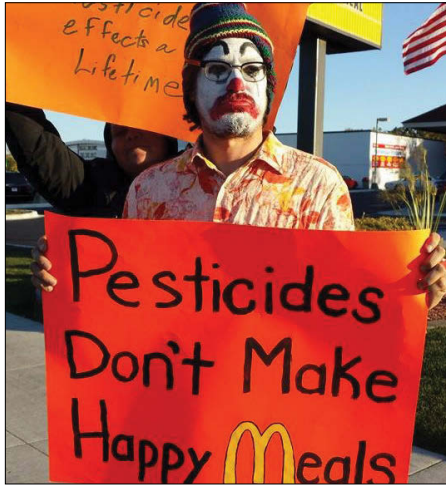


Photo: TTC

PAN supported the Toxic Taters Coalition in Minnesota in state and national campaigns to get McDonalds to require that their potato growers stop spraying dangerous pesticides that drift over schools and communities.

Highlights of the year include:

Farmworkers speak truth to power: EPA released draft revisions to strengthen the Worker Protection Standard in early 2014. In August, a national coalition of farmworker and ally organizations, including PAN, delivered more than 200,000 public comments and supported farmworkers to meet directly with key legislators in DC.

Honey Bee Havens gain ground: In July, the city of Shorewood, Minnesota, passed the nation's third bee-safe city resolution. Through June 2015, more cities in Minnesota, California and Oregon became official Honey Bee Havens, spreading both awareness and practical approaches to protecting pollinators.

Iowa Drift bill introduced: The legislation would protect Iowa farmers and communities from drifting pesticides. While the bill didn't reach the floor in 2015, PAN is working with a farmer-led coalition to expand and strengthen the state network, and advocate for a win in 2016.

"Responsibly Grown, Farmworker Assured" produce on the shelves: After five years working with Equitable Food Initiative partners, EFI-labeled strawberries arrived on Costco shelves in April. EFI incorporated as a non-profit with PAN on the board, pushing for improved worker conditions, pesticide management and safety in our food system.

Financial Report

PAN recognizes all grants, pledges and contributions in the year they are committed. In our fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, we invested 11.5% of total unrestricted revenue (11.6% of expenses) in core support for our mission—administration, fundraising and infrastructure.

For more information, please see our audited financial statements and our IRS Form 990, available at www.panna.org. The IRS Form 990 is also available on www.GuideStar.org.

Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2015

Assets	
Cash	284,138
Short-term investments	321,901
Accounts receivable	172,977
Grants receivable, net	737,900
Inventory	22,354
Prepays and other receivables	29,463
Property & equipment, net	39,395
Deposits	10,880
Total Assets	1,619,008
Liabilities & Net Assets	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	24,408
Accrued liabilities	115,113
Custodial fund accounts	188,689
Total Liabilities	328,210
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	261,485
Temporarily restricted	1,029,313
Total Net Assets	1,290,798
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	1,619,008

Statement of Activities for the year ended June 30, 2015

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Revenue and Support			
Grants	190,000	1,759,500	1,949,500
Contributions	640,318	92,720	733,038
Business supporters	47,016	49,000	96,016
Contracts	-	151,784	151,784
Program service fees	11,763	2,825	14,588
Investment income	2,843	-	2,843
Un/realized gain on investment	18,681	-	18,681
Other	2,309	10,225	12,534
Contributed goods & services	34,412	28,680	63,092
Net assets released from restrictions	1,839,323	(1,839,323)	-
Total Revenue and Support	2,786,665	255,411	3,042,076
Allocation of Support Program			
Core programs	1,760,265	-	1,760,265
Coalitions	696,793	-	696,793
Total Program	2,457,058	-	2,457,058
Administrative	99,860	-	99,860
Development	221,207	-	221,207
Total Expenses	2,778,125	-	2,778,125
Change in Net Assets	8,540	255,411	263,951
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	252,945	773,902	1,026,847
Net Assets, End of Year	261,485	1,029,313	1,290,798

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Our Mission

Pesticide Action Network North America works to replace the use of hazardous pesticides with ecologically sound and socially just alternatives.

As one of five PAN Regional Centers worldwide, we link local and international consumer, labor, health, environment and agriculture groups into an international citizens' action network. This network challenges the global proliferation of pesticides, defends basic rights to health and environmental quality, and works to ensure the transition to a just and viable society.

Campaign Wins, continued from front page

harm. As we reported in the last newsletter, a federal judge told EPA to stop “egregious delays” and make a decision on agricultural use of chlorpyrifos by October 31, 2015. The proposed ban on food crops is the result.

While a few uses may still be allowed, this proposed ban means that exposure to this neurotoxic pesticide for farmworkers and families in rural communities will be greatly reduced. And across the country, kids’ intelligence won’t be undermined by low-level exposures to this brain-harming chemical in their food, water and air.

Plus—and this is perhaps most exciting—EPA seems to now recognize that kids deserve protection from other pesticides in the same class as chlorpyrifos, based on evidence that they may have similar impacts on children’s developing brains.

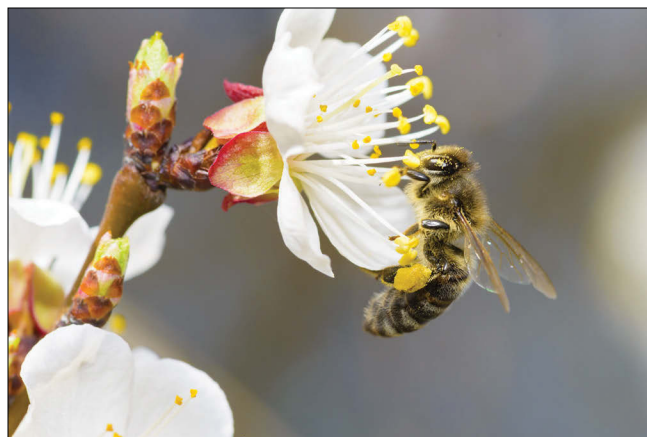
Take Action Tell EPA to bring a full chlorpyrifos ban to the finish line at www.panna.org/ChlorpyrifosBan.

November 13 —🍃
Knocking out a bee-harming pesticide

EPA announced in mid-November that it intends to cancel the registration of Dow’s sulfoxaflor, effectively banning the insecticide. Sulfoxaflor is a close cousin to neonicotinoids, which are known to pose a serious threat to the health of bees and other pollinators.

“EPA’s decision to ban sulfoxaflor is good news for bees, beekeepers and for everyone who enjoys many of the fruits, vegetables and nuts grown in the USA. EPA should follow the science on other bee-toxic pesticides, including neonicotinoids, and work to phase them out—while ensuring other harmful pesticides aren’t rushed to market.”

— Paul Towers
PAN Organizing & Media Director



Pollinators are responsible for one out of every three bites of food we eat; neonicotinoid pesticides are implicated as one cause of unprecedented honey bee deaths.

EPA approved the insecticide in 2013 despite protests from beekeepers, independent scientists and groups, including PAN, who are working to protect bees. A few months ago, commercial beekeepers filed suit to force EPA to reverse its approval. The court found that EPA relied on “flawed and limited data” to approve the registration of sulfoxaflor, citing the “precariousness of bee populations.”

Over the last six years, PAN has forged strong relationships with beekeepers, helped create a national network of public interest groups campaigning to protect pollinators and worked with farmers to highlight the harms of seeds treated with neonicotinoids—and the need for more readily available untreated seeds. EPA’s cancellation of sulfoxaflor signals a regulatory turn in the tide for bee-harming pesticides.

Take Action Stay engaged with PAN’s campaign to protect bees at www.panna.org/FollowBeeScience.

Thanks to you

These three wins reflect PAN’s collaborative approach to achieve changes in policy and practice. Cultivating powerful, effective partnerships and providing members like you opportunities to engage policy makers is core to our work.

Thank you! —🍃

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