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Dear Dr. Geiger, Director Raphael, commissioners,

Once again I'm wasting my time to send an email pointing to the self-evident truth that high toxicity herbicides are dangerous, unnecessary, and should never be used.

Especially by the government agencies, especially by the bodies claiming to be "national leaders in integrated pest management".

I had talked to Beyond Pesticides' Community Resource and Policy Director last year; he said that San Francisco is in no way a "leader in integrated pest management" - far behind many places in the United States.

However, once again, from a San Francisco Forest Alliance post:

- Herbicidal chemicals are more toxic, more persistent, more mobile and **more dangerous than their manufacturers disclose;**
- The aesthetic or ideological "danger" from "**weeds**" is **not a risk to health** and welfare;
- Scientific **studies associate exposure to herbicides with cancer**, developmental and learning disabilities, nerve and immune system damage, liver or kidney damage, reproductive impairment, birth defects, and disruption of the endocrine system;
- There is no safe dose of exposure to those chemicals because they **persist in soil, water, and animal tissue**, so even low levels of exposure could still accumulate and harm humans, animals, and the environment;
- **Especially vulnerable individuals** include infants, children, pregnant women, the elderly, people with compromised immune systems and chemical sensitivities;
- **Toxic runoff from herbicides pollute streams and groundwater**, and therefore the drinking water sources;
- Herbicides are **harmful to pets and wildlife** – including threatened and endangered species, plants, and natural ecosystems;
- Herbicides are harmful to soil microbiology and **contaminate soil into the future, reducing biodiversity** in sensitive areas.

People have a right not to be involuntarily exposed to herbicides in the air, water or soil that inevitably result from chemical drift and contaminated runoff. With the many court cases against Monsanto regarding Roundup, land managers have been considering reducing the use of this herbicide at one time considered safe. This is not enough. In many cases, other herbicides are being used instead – and these may be even more harmful than the ones being replaced, albeit with less research available.

Sincerely,

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