

Groups argue over chlorpyrifos ban

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Environmental and farmworker organizations are asking a federal court to disregard warnings by farm groups that banning a widely used pesticide will wreak havoc on U.S. agriculture.

Lawyers for the groups filed a brief Monday with the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals arguing that farmers' worries are legally irrelevant regarding whether to ban chlorpyrifos.

An agricultural group leader said Tuesday that judges will lose insight if they don't consider what farmers have to say. "The voice of growers needs to be heard because growers will be hurt, and ultimately consumers will be hurt," said Heather Hansen, executive director of Washington Friends of Farms and Forests.

Hansen's group was one of 27 agricultural organizations that signed a brief earlier this month seeking to influence the court to reconsider the ban on chlorpyrifos.

The farm groups, including the American Farm Bureau Federation, are seeking to introduce into the court record more information on how chlorpyrifos is used and the consequences of banning it.

The farm groups argue that U.S. growers have been using chlorpyrifos safely since 1974. Taking it off the market will let insects develop resistance to oth-



er chemicals more quickly and deprive farmers of a weapon in responding to new threats, they said.

"You might not use it much or at all for a year or two and then the insect population pressures change, and you have to use it," Hansen said.

A three-judge panel ruled 2-1 in August that the Environmental Protection Agency must cancel all uses of the pesticide in 60 days. The EPA has asked the full court to rehear the case.

Earthjustice, a nonprofit law firm representing several farmworker groups and unions and anti-pesticide and health groups filed a brief Tuesday asking the court to deny the EPA a new hearing.

That brief was filed on behalf of the League of United Latin American Citizens, Pesticide Action Network North America, Natural Resources Defense Council, California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, Farmworkers Association of Florida, Farmworkers Justice Green Latinos, Labor Council for Latin

American Advancement, Learning Disabilities Association of America, National Hispanic Medical Association, Pinosos Y Campesinos Unidos Del Noroeste and United Farm Workers.

Chlorpyrifos is registered for use on more than 50 crops, and is used for non-food uses such as controlling mosquitoes, cockroaches and ticks. The groups seeking to ban the pesticide argue that chlorpyrifos residue on produce fails to meet health-safety standards. The EPA says it needs more time to assess whether chlorpyrifos meets the standard.

The Obama EPA proposed banning chlorpyrifos in 2015. The Obama USDA said the EPA overestimated the exposure to chlorpyrifos and that it was a mistake to conclude that the pesticide as used was unsafe. The Obama EPA pushed back deadlines to make a final decision until after the change in White House administrations.

The farmworker unions and organization oppose allowing farm groups' in the comments, arguing that farmers aren't raising a legal issue. The Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act is intended to protect human health and doesn't call for the EPA to consider economic consequences, according to the legal brief.

The ban stems from a petition filed in 2007 by the Pesticide Action Network North America and Natural Resources Defense Council.

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Men from across Oregon raise awareness and funds in the fight to end breast cancer

In 2018, 35 prominent Oregon men will take a stand against breast cancer by supporting the American Cancer Society through participation in the **Real Men Wear Pink** campaign. Throughout the month of October, **Real Men Wear Pink** candidates will encourage people in their lives and in the community to take action in the fight against breast cancer.

"In addition to wearing pink and raising awareness about breast cancer issues, these men will be raising funds to help the American Cancer Society save more lives from breast cancer," said Whitney Welches, Community Event Manager for the American Cancer Society. "Funds raised allow the Society to be there for those touched by breast cancer, from research to education, prevention to diagnosis, and treatment to recovery, the Society provides support to everyone impacted by the disease. Every action we take moves us one step closer to a world free from the pain and suffering caused by breast cancer."

Each **Real Men Wear Pink** candidate is charged with a fundraising challenge and will compete to be the top fundraiser among the other candidates by the end of the campaign.

"No one should have to face a breast cancer diagnosis alone," said **Real Men Wear Pink** participant, Jon Davidson. "That's why I joined the American Cancer Society in support of their lifesaving work by becoming a candidate in the Real Men Wear Pink campaign. This is a cause I personally believe in, and as a candidate, I'm committed to raising awareness and funds for the Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer efforts."

The 2018 **Real Men Wear Pink candidates** for the state of Oregon are:
• **Portland Metro Area:** Dan "Huggie" Amsden, Wally Boerger, Jon Davidson, Gary Deroia, Danny Dwyer, Mitch Elliot, Peter Engel, Keith Fuller,

Josh Johnson, Thomas Johnson, Connor Laubenstein, CJ McCollum, Mark Meek, Bill Tubbs, Kelvin Woods, Tom Hawk – Portland Winterhawks, Barley Hop – Hillsboro Hops, Wally Pilot – Portland Pilots

- **Lane County:** Doug Black, Callan Coleman, Pat Garrett, Skeet Hise, Nick Keith, Frank King, Rick Moore, Nick Nelson, Jonathan Sims, Jonathan Smith, Bill and Tim – Barrett and Fox, Sluggo – Eugene Emeralds
- **Central Oregon:** Joe Kim, Jeff Klein
- **Southern Oregon:** Daryl Griggs, David Holtman, Yan Traore

Real Men candidates were either nominated by close friends, family or colleagues, or volunteered in support of the cause. Fundraising for the campaign began October 1, and each Real Man is tasked with raising a minimum of \$2,500, which will help the Society continue to provide life-saving programs and services in the community. It's not too late to support the Real Men Wear Pink challenge – log onto www.RealMenWearPinkACS.org to find and donate to your favorite candidate.

According to the American Cancer Society Cancer Facts & Figures 2018, an estimated 266,120 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer and an estimated 40,920 will die from the disease this year. In Oregon, 3,400 women will be diagnosed this year and 530 will die from the disease. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, and it is the most common cancer diagnosed in women other than skin cancer.

"Our community can make a huge impact in the fight against breast cancer," said Welches. "We are grateful to our Real Men Wear Pink participants for lending their voices to our cause and fighting for everyone touched by breast cancer."

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