



January 23, 2008

CropLife Canada
21 Four Seasons Place
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Etobicoke, Ontario
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Re: Support for CropLife Canada's Obsolete Pesticide Collection Program

Dear Mr. Russel Hurst

The Alberta Barley Commission (ABC) represents the interests of more than 17,000 Alberta barley producers. Environmental sustainability and stewardship are top concerns of our members – both in conducting their own business, and in the hopes that Best Management Practices will ensure that future generations can continue to produce quality agri-food products in Alberta for years to come. Currently, there are few, if any, alternatives in Alberta for producers to dispose of their old, unwanted pesticides.

Therefore, the Alberta Barley Commission would like to pledge its support for CropLife Canada's plans to collect and dispose of obsolete agricultural pesticides in Alberta. CropLife's proposal to dispose of unwanted pesticides in a safe and cost-effective manner will provide many farmers with an alternative to on-farm storage. The potential for environmental degradation associated with large stores of leftover pesticides is significant as storage containers deteriorate. Removing these pesticides and disposing them properly is the ideal way to ensure that no leftover pesticides find their way into the air, soil, and water on Alberta farms – with corresponding negative environmental impacts.

As stewards of the environment, we feel that this proposal is necessary and worthwhile. Thank you for your time. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact me at: mleslie@albertabarley.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Leslie".

Mike Leslie
CEO