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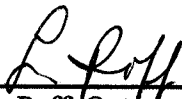
Provinces, territories and the federal Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) continue to work on a framework to replace existing federal and provincial pesticide classification systems with a single, harmonized strategy for Canada.

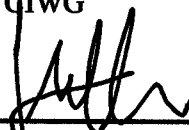
In November 2002, the document entitled *A Proposal for a Harmonized Pesticide Classification System for Canada* underwent national consultation, and a consolidated summary report on the comments received has been prepared. This report will be posted on the federal PMRA website on June 24, 2005, and can be viewed by following the link at <http://www.pmra-arla.gc.ca/english/fpt/fpt-e.html>.

A total of 34 submissions was received from all regions across Canada. Comments were provided by environmental groups; industry associations involved in the registration, sale, and application of pesticides; numerous municipalities; and government organizations having health or environmental mandates. These submissions have been carefully considered by the Classification Implementation Working Group (CIWG) of the Federal/Provincial/Territorial (FPT) Committee on Pest Management and Pesticides, and will continue to be referenced. The final development of Phase I will deal with the re-classification of domestic pesticides; Phase II will focus re-classification efforts on commercial and restricted pesticides.

As this initiative moves forward, stakeholders will be advised when opportunities for further involvement arise. The FPT website (<http://www.pmra-arla.gc.ca/english/fpt/fpt-e.html>) will be used to provide progress and updates.

Sincerely,

  
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