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NANB Supports Banning Cosmetic Pesticides

FREDERICTON, June 10, 2009 — The Board of Directors of the Nurses Association of New Brunswick (NANB) unanimously voted to support a province wide ban on the use and sale of cosmetic pesticides for outdoor, non-agricultural use. The NANB is calling for strong legislation, similar to that enacted in Ontario to protect the safety of family pets, drinking water and, most importantly, children.

“The links that are being identified between pesticide use and illnesses such as cancer and neurological disorders mean quick action is needed from the government” says Monique Cormier-Daigle, President of NANB, New Brunswick’s professional regulatory body representing approximately 9,000 registered nurses and nurse practitioners in the province. “Pesticides are poisonous, and the government has a responsibility to protect the public from their harmful effects.” NANB joins a group of environment and health care leaders including: the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment; the Canadian Cancer Society; and the New Brunswick Lung Association calling on the government to set a new provincial standard to better protect the health of all New Brunswickers.

“It is our understanding that legislation will be tabled this session,” says Roxanne Tarjan, Executive Director of NANB. “We are calling on the province and our representatives to introduce legislation similar to that in effect in Ontario, and to monitor closely as regulations are developed and implemented ensuring the public’s health is protected.”

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