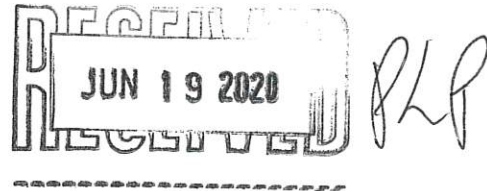


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May 26, 2020

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Re: Notice of Objection Regarding deregistration of strychnine for control of Richardson's Ground Squirrel

To Whom It May Concern,

We wish to file a Notice of Objection in conjunction with SARM filed April 16, 2020.

As a Rural Municipality we see first hand the damage which can be done to a crop and/or pasture with regards to the above noted pest.

During dry seasons such as the last couple of years, these pests become much more active and the damage can be substantial to the degree of farm animals stepping into holes made by these pests.

We understand that the environment can be impacted by the use of strychnine; however, there is potentially greater harm to the viability and sustaining of pasture land and crop.

We ask that you consider reviewing the situation on a year to year basis based on the seasonal climate which affects the increase / decrease of the Richardson's Ground Squirrel to allow for the natural control of both the pest and land being affected.

We thank you for your consideration of not completing deregistering the strychnine; however, monitoring on a year to year basis.

Cordially,

Desiree Bouvier, CAO

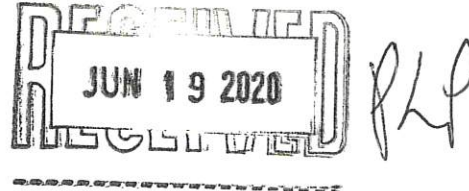


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To Whom it May Concern,

Re: Notice of Objection regarding deregistration of strychnine for control of Richardson's ground squirrel

The Rural Municipality of Estevan No. 5 wishes to formally submit this Notice of Objection regarding the Pest Management Regulatory Agency's decision to deregister strychnine for control of the Richardson's Ground squirrel (RGS).

Without an effective means for controlling RGS our ratepayers can expect to see unnecessary losses in both crop and livestock commodities. We know that with the use of efficient management and reporting practices, that strychnine is a safe and effective means of controlling RGS and as such these losses can be avoided.

The RM of Estevan agrees that public health and environmental impact are important, however with the aforementioned requirements we know that any impact, however minimal, can be mitigated.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Regards,

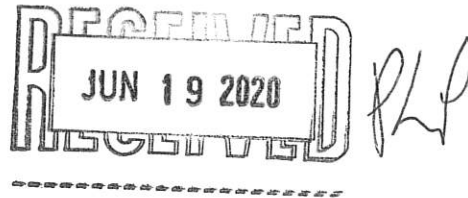
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May 19, 2020
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Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: Deregulation of Strychnine for Control of Richardson's Ground Squirrel

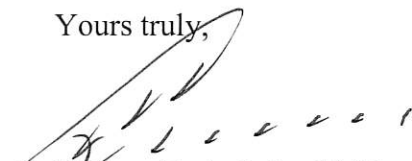
The Council of the RM of Dufferin #190 wishes to voice their strong opposition to the upcoming deregulation of Strychnine for the use in controlling the Richardson's ground squirrel (RGS) in Saskatchewan.

Agricultural producers in the RM of Dufferin #190 and Saskatchewan, have extremely limited options with regards to products to control the RGS populations. Deregulation of strychnine will severely challenge population control options for producers. In turn producers will see potential crop damage increase severely by this pest as was seen in the early 1990's to 2001 due to strychnine product not being available.

There is little evidence of strychnine negatively impacting non-targeted species in studies provided by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture as noted in SARM's April 16, 2020 correspondence to your office. The RM of Dufferin #190 supports SARM and the Ministry of Agriculture's research in this regard.

The RM of Dufferin #190 is respectfully requesting Health Canada reverse the decision to deregulate strychnine before the end of the 2021 target date.

Yours truly,



Rodney E. Audette, RMA
Administrator

May 8, 2020

Pest Management Regulatory Agency
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Re: Notice of Objection regarding deregistration of strychnine for control of Richardson's ground squirrel

To Whom it may concern,

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Connaught No. 457 is submitting this Notice of Objection regarding the Pesticide Management Regulatory Agency's (PMRA) decision to deregister strychnine for control of Richardson's ground squirrel.

Council supports SARM and the work and research they have conducted in proving that the use of strychnine can be done in a safe and beneficial manner for the effective controlling of Richardson's ground squirrel.

Please consider the negative impact the deregistration of strychnine will have on the agricultural community now and in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our concern.

Regards,

Jaime Orr
Administrator

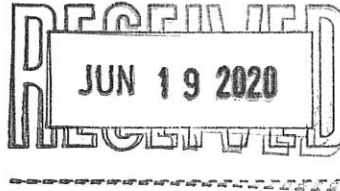
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May 7th 2020

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To whom it may concern,

The RM of Duck Lake #463 is submitting this Notice of Objection regarding the PMRA's decision to deregister strychnine for the control of Richardson's ground squirrel. As a Rural Municipality we want to make sure our Ratepayers concerns are voiced.

It is crucial to be able to control the population of the Richardson ground squirrel for the sake of our crop and livestock producers. Other remedies have proven not to be as effective as what strychnine is to keep the population down. It will put our producers at a huge risk if the deregister of strychnine is followed thru with, we ask that the PMRA realize how big of an impact this will have on the future of agriculture in Canada.

Just in our area the Richardson ground squirrels pose a threat to many of our grain and cattle producers. Over the last few years, with access to strychnine it has helped our RM keep the populations manageable to the point that crop damage is kept to a minimum and poses minimum threat to livestock.

The Reeve and Council of the RM of Duck Lake would like to thank you for taking the time to review our concerns.

Sincerely,

Karen Baynton
Administrator

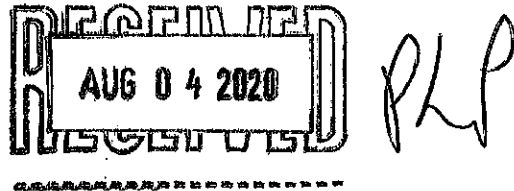
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June 30, 2020

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Council for the RM of Spy Hill No. 152 would like object to the deregistration of strychnine for control of Richardson's ground squirrel.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carey Nicholauson".

Carey Nicholauson

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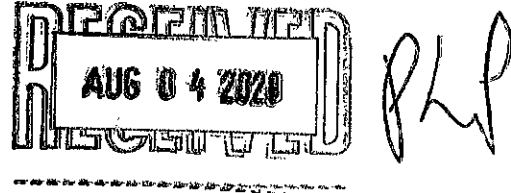
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June 22, 2020



Pest Management Regulatory Agency
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Re: SARM's Notice of Objection regarding deregistration of strychnine for control of Richardson's ground squirrel

To whom it may concern,

The council of the Rural Municipality of Reciprocity No. 32 supports the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities of Regina, Saskatchewan in their Notice of Objection regarding deregistration of strychnine for control of Richardson's ground squirrel.

As SARM has identified looking at the bigger picture, the agriculture commodities that feed our country's people and economy are going to be greatly impacted by this deregistration therefore it would serve the overall best interest of Canadians to continue the registration of strychnine for Richardson's ground squirrel control.

Sincerely,

Marilyn J. Larsen
Chief Administrative Officer
R.M. of Reciprocity No. 32