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RE: Letter of protest for massive toxic herbicide spray in Sultan-Startup area, WA

Dear Ms. Pearce:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Health. This letter is in response to your letter to us dated December 29, 2015. Pesticide-related illnesses are a reportable condition to the Department of Health. We investigate illness cases through this system of reporting. This data is used to inform regulatory and training agencies. However, we have no role in regulating the use of pesticides in Washington State. That is the responsibility of the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) who you have contacted in your letter. You can contact Neil Lanning 360-902-2038 at WSDA who is assigned to this complaint.

If anyone is concerned about their well water and want to have it tested, the Department of Ecology maintains a list of accredited laboratories to choose from. You can access this list by analysis here:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/eap/labs/documents/DWLabsScopesInternet.pdf> and by county here: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/eap/labs/documents/DWLabs_WABYCounty.pdf.

Should you, or anyone you know experience an illness you suspect is related to an exposure to pesticides, it can be reported to us toll free at 1-877-485-7316. You can learn more about our investigation process on our Web site at www.doh.wa.gov/pesticides.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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