

Dear Chair Sundin and members of the House Agriculture committee,

I am writing to request HF 766/ SF 794 placing improved labeling and, use restrictions on neo-nic treated seeds be passed.

As a citizen who drinks water and one who is concerned about the loss of Pollinating Insects, Birds and other wildlife, I am greatly disturbed to learn about the neo-nic seed piles left as waste and, that these also may be sent to ethanol plants where the neo nics end up in the water and/or in animal feed. Permitting further pollution of land, water and wildlife from these very toxic class of pesticides is unconscionable.

Neo nic seeds should be regulated just as, or more so, than other pesticides. They should not get a “pass” from regulation due to a different delivery mechanism, esp. as this mechanism has been found to do significant environmental damage and harm unintended wildlife. I urge you to read [“Multi-scale availability of neonicotinoid-treated seed for wildlife in an agricultural landscape during spring planting”](#). This study is authored in part by MN DNR scientists and is published by the National Institutes of Health. It lays out the facts related to waste seed piles left unmanaged and the concerns this practice poses to unintended wildlife and water.

Requiring improved management of neo nic seeds and reducing the pollution associated with them is a responsible and wise thing to do. As a citizen, tax payer, small business owner and environmental scientist I request you move this legislation along to protect drinking water and wildlife most Minnesotans enjoy.

Sincerely,
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