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Board of Pesticides Control
28 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

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Dear Board Members,

I would like to ask the Board to revise the current regulations concerning "Posting Requirements for Pesticide Applications" to include areas that are frequented by the public such as playgrounds, dog parks, public parks and sidewalks. These areas are not covered under these regulations at this time.

In my community, these areas can be and are sprayed with a variety of pesticides. We have both a public dog park and children's playground in close proximity to each other. These areas are and continue to be sprayed with pesticides. Since these areas are not covered under current regulations, posting of these areas is not done. Only those of us who see town public works trucks and staff actually spraying know when this is taking place.

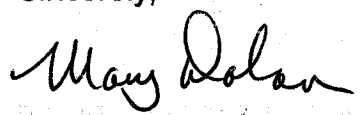
Those of us who would like to bring our family or pets to these areas risk exposing them to these chemicals. The current posting regulations, expanded to include these areas designed specifically for public use, would allow us to take steps to minimize or avoid exposure to these chemicals.

Additionally, should our families or pets become ill, this posting information could provide valuable information to medical personnel.

Current regulations state, "...the area shall be posted in a manner and at locations designed to reasonably assure that persons entering such area will see the notice..." Again, I ask only that these regulations be expanded to include these public areas and that these changes be made before spraying starts again this year.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,



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