



# Pesticides and Health E-News

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***“More action is needed to protect children from hazardous effects of biocides...in schools. The current revision of the EU Biocides Law needs to be strengthened..”***

Anne Stauffer, HEAL

## HEAL's action on Pesticides

### Survey reveals Cancer-linked pesticides used in schools

Children may be being exposed to at least four potentially cancer causing pesticides that are being used in UK schools, according to the findings of a new survey released today by the Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL) and Pesticides Action Network (PAN).

As the Government prepares to launch a consultation on its National Plans for pesticide use, this survey shows why these plans must include a ban on hazardous pesticide use in schools.

Read the [report](#) and the [press release](#).

## In other news...

**Sustainable use of pesticides becomes legally binding** - The legal texts of the pesticides regulation and directive were published in the EU Official Journal on 24 November, thus marking starting point for when both laws become legally binding. The Directive has already entered into force, and EU Member States must comply with it by 14 December 2011 – this includes the creation of National Action Plans.

**Revision of Biocides directive** - The EU Council of Environment Ministers held a political debate on the revision of the EU Biocides Directive on 22 December 2009. They stressed that environmental criteria should be added to the foreseen cut-off criteria for Biocides. The European Parliament Environment Committee (ENVI) will discuss a draft report at the end of February, with the vote scheduled for April.

HEAL believes the Commission's proposal needs to be considerably strengthened to ensure the best protection of human health and include references to protection of vulnerable populations.

## More information on pesticides and health

### Articles:

- [Campaigner takes pesticide case to European courts](#)
- [What's for Christmas dinner? How does food industry respect EU pesticide limits](#)
- [Scientists find more health implications on pesticide use in agriculture](#)
- [Endosulfan requires global action Pesticide moves closer to a global ban](#)
- [Monsanto Winners of the Angry Mermaid Award for worst corporate lobbyist](#)

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- iPhone Application: [Find out which pesticides are in your food through your iPhone](#)
- Video: [The true cost of Europe's cheap meat: pesticides and soy production in South America](#)

### Reports:

- The Syngenta Corporation & Atrazine: The Cost to the Land, People & Democracy. [Read more...](#) The farm groups' letter to U.S. EPA is available [here](#).
- Barr, D., et al. (2010) Pesticide concentrations in maternal and umbilical cord sera and their relation to birth outcomes in a population of pregnant women and newborns in New Jersey. [Science of the Total Environment 408: 790–795](#)
- [Environmental strategies to replace DDT and control malaria](#). A new report from PAN Germany.

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