

Taylor Yost

Pesticides have been used for many years to help with farming purposes, however, they are very toxic and harmful not only to the environment but to people as well. The 2024-2028 Strategic Plan by the Department of Pesticide Regulation states that protecting human health is one of their main priorities and getting to a point where pest management is safe and effective, is this really their biggest concern?

The pesticides used today have chemicals that should be banned and not allowed in or around communities. People in the fields and also those who live in close proximity have had to deal with the health consequences over the years. In addition, children have also been affected due to these pesticides being used close to schools, exposing them to these harsh chemicals, which goes against their mission to protect human health.

Overall if the Department of Pesticide Regulation actually wanted to put human health and safety first then these pesticides would be in the process of getting banned to be used or coming up with healthier ways to deal with pests that don't contain spraying harmful chemicals. The 2024 strategic plan should be rejected to ensure that our health is put first.