



ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Neonicotinoid Pesticides

PURPOSE: To examine the impact of neonicotinoid pesticides on pollinators and the environment.

Albany, New York
Monday
September 20, 2021
11:00 a.m.
Hearing Room C
Legislative Office Building

Pollinators have experienced drastic population decreases, with a 2017 report from the Center for Biological Diversity finding that 40 percent of pollinators, mostly bees, are facing extinction.¹ The Legislature has provided funding via the State's Environmental Protection Fund to examine the causes for the population decline. In 2020, Cornell University released "Neonicotinoid Insecticides in New York State: Economic Benefits and Risk to Pollinators," funded by the EPF. The report contained a risk-benefit analysis of neonicotinoid pesticide usage in the State. Although the report did not contain any recommendations, the resulting data called into question the effectiveness of neonicotinoid usage in certain applications. The purpose of this hearing is to examine the impact of neonicotinoid pesticides on pollinators and the environment.

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Steve Englebright
Member of Assembly
Chair
Committee on Environmental Conservation

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¹ Pollinators in Peril, Center for Biological Diversity, February 2017