

POLLUTION AND OUR GOVERNMENT

The Federal Government has banned the use of 245-T around homes, aquatic areas, recreation areas, and in proximity to cereal crops, because of its serious danger to animal life and man.

Despite this ban, the Department of Highways has continued to use this dangerous drug. Last month I wrote to the Minister of Highways complaining that his department has continued to spray the brush along Highway 35 with 245-T, thus contaminating streams beside the highway, and in turn, contaminating Mountain Lake. His Deputy replied that "To clear the large acreages of brush, which create hazards to driving in winter by confining the snow disposal area and causing icy patches to form in shaded areas, is slow, costly, and a recurring need if done by hand. Through a chemical spray program the objective is attained in a shorter period of time at a lower cost, and unwanted growth is permanently controlled."

Today in the legislature, the Minister wasn't even aware that 245-T is still being used.