

Good Afternoon Mr. Collins,

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns. Here are some clarifications about our weed abatement. From my understanding, the Round Up that we use (Glyphosate plus) is not currently banned in Europe, although I believe it is under study. I am glad that it is not appearing like we have a weed problem, but we in fact do have an issue at Oceana and we work with a contractor, Advanced IPM, to combat the problem. We contract with Advanced IPM because of their close working knowledge of the Healthy Schools Act and other regulations of safely using chemicals like Round Up and the other low toxicity agents employed. Herbicides are only used on the bleacher area of football field and the swimming pool parking lot, not the entire school. Spraying is also done on weekends when kids are not in school. I appreciate your comments about the rain and we work with the contractor to administer the treatments at times when the weather is most favorable. While I am sure there is room for improvement, we are in compliance with all regulations.

With respect to your other concerns, we don't not use any rodenticides on the exteriors of the building, and even interior we use environmentally safer bait traps. Only traps are used for gophers.

I noticed that your previous email was also addressed to Mr. John Schultz. Mr. Schultz retired in December. Our new Director is Mr. Marcus Peppers. I have copied him on this email and he may be able to answer if you have further questions. I will talk with him about exploring additional ways to reduce our environmental impact.

Best regards,

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