

Source Analysis: Environmental Effects of Pesticides

research skills	
information source (correctly formatted reference)	Pesticide Action Network UK, 2013, <i>Environmental Effects of Pesticides</i> , http://www.pan-uk.org/environment/environmental-effects-of-pesticides , last accessed 15 August 2013
relevant information highlighted and annotated	✓

communication	
summary of information description of subtopics covered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental damage to pesticides • Air pollution • Soil damage • Effects on plant growth • Harm to animals, birds and aquatic life

analysis	
relevance the degree to which the source addresses the research topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describes well the effects on environment and animals • Does not really cover any effects on humans • All information is relevant, but source does not contain enough information on topic overall
possibility of bias language, purpose, and any evidence of a prejudiced or partial viewpoint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focuses wholly on negative effects • States facts- no emotional language or prejudice, but does not describe positive aspects • Overall from a negative viewpoint, but not in a particularly prejudiced manner
credibility the trustworthiness (credentials, education, experience, peer review etc.) of the author(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nation based organization (UK) • No specified author • Quotes famous book <i>Silent Spring</i>, recognized by many as reputable • Overall not particularly credible but information is compatible with other sources
other factors clarity of language and presentation, use of diagrams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language extremely clear, easy to follow • Small sections, easy to read and clear • Headings and labels for easy navigation • Use pictures but not directly related to topic (just generic)