

Macy, Jim

From: Megan Hunt <mhunt@leg.ne.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2022 2:13 PM
To: Macy, Jim
Cc: carla.felix@nabraska.gov; Valentine, Kara
Subject: Questions re: AltEn

Good Afternoon Director Macy,

I have a few questions regarding the AltEn plant and neonicotinoids (neonics). Please let me know if you would like a formal letter.

I understand that neonics (neonicotinoids) have already been found in the water table around the AltEn property and that NDEE uses the [EPA's acceptable levels](#) of neonics for human consumption for adults and not what might adversely affect infants. Given this information:

1) Have you determined the levels of neonics and other chemicals (or their combination) from pollutants from the treated seed by-products at AltEn (and the surrounding area) that you deem acceptable for consumption for infants and pregnant women? If so, what are those levels and how were they determined? If not, do you plan to determine safe levels for infants and pregnant women?

2) The NRDC reports that: “. . . some government and university experts are warning that neonics have the potential to form even more toxic compounds when they are chlorinated during routine tap water treatment.” Has NDEE determined the extent to which people living near the AltEn plant might be chlorinating water that contains neonics? If so, what are the findings? If not, are there plans to conduct such tests?

Thank you in advance for your time in assisting me with finding these answers. I look forward to your prompt reply.

Best,
Megan Hunt

--
State Senator Megan Hunt
Nebraska Legislature :: 8th District
[Website](#) :: [Twitter](#) :: [Instagram](#) :: [Facebook](#)
State Capitol, PO Box 94604
(402) 471-2722