

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RAMSEY

DISTRICT COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CASE TYPE: CIVIL

Natural Resources Defense Council,
Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture,

Defendant,

and

American Seed Trade Association, CropLife
America, Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative,
Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers,
Minnesota Corn Growers Association,
Minnesota Crop Production Retailers,
Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation,
Minnesota Soybean Growers Association, Red
River Valley Sugarbeet Growers Association,

Intervenors-Defendants.

**ORDER GRANTING
REMAND**

Court File No.
62-CV-25-6413

This matter came before the undersigned Judge of District Court on the Stipulation for Remand signed by the parties to the above-entitled action. Based on the stipulation, the Court makes the following:

ORDER

1. This matter is remanded to Defendant Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) for the initiation of the appropriate administrative proceedings to consider and make findings and an order concerning the adequacy of its rules to protect natural resources from contamination allegedly resulting from the use of neonic-treated crop seeds, including the alleged inadequacies pled in Plaintiffs' Complaint.

2. MDA shall make the findings required by Minn. Stat. § 116B.10 (“Section 10”) in an order that is reviewable by this Court according to Subdivision 3 of Section 10.

3. Subject to paragraph 4 below, Plaintiffs shall not seek temporary injunctive relief in this matter for the purpose of imposing additional requirements, conditions, or limitations (e.g., stop sale orders) on persons or entities that are regulated or who could be regulated by rules subject to this matter before MDA has issued the order required under paragraph 2.

4. If MDA has not issued its findings and order pursuant to paragraph 2 by March 1, 2027, Plaintiffs may seek temporary injunctive relief from the Court in the form of court-imposed timelines for MDA to issue its findings and order. The Parties agree that Plaintiffs may seek such relief through the expedited procedures provided by Minn. Gen. R. Prac. 115.04(d).

5. MDA shall file a status report to the Court on January 15, 2027, on its anticipated compliance with the deadline in paragraph 4. The Court retains jurisdiction pursuant to Subdivision 3 of Section 10 to determine whether MDA’s findings concerning the remanded matters are supported by the preponderance of the evidence.

BY THE COURT:

Dated: _____

Reynaldo Aligada Jr.
Judge of District Court