

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE !
TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY'S HEALTH AND OUR WATERWAYS
TELL YOUR STATE SENATOR WE NEED TO TRACK PESTICIDES



Pesticides are harmful to your family's health. In addition to the large amounts of pesticides used on crops by agro-business, lawn care and pest control companies apply pesticides on people's yards, in parks, on athletic fields, and inside public and private buildings and homes.

Pesticides have been linked to cancer, birth defects, miscarriages, asthma, diseases of the nervous system, low sperm counts and infertility, learning and behavior problems, Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD and delays in a child's development.

Pesticides like Atrazine are also widely found in our waterways and our drinking water.

Atrazine is linked to birth defects in children and to the cause of intersex fish. Federal and state agencies need to know what pesticides have been used and when and where pesticides have been used to better understand which pesticides are adding to problems with the Chesapeake Bay's health.

Pesticides can also be weaponized by terrorists to cause mass casualties. Homeland security agencies must be able to track the sales and purchase of these pesticides to prevent their usage in this manner.

Pesticide tracking is necessary to help state agencies learn the causes of neighborhood disease clusters (unusual concentrations of cancer or autism, for example) or river or Bay fish kills. Pesticides could be the cause, but agencies currently don't have the information they need as to what pesticides are being used, when and where. Pesticide applicators are required to keep records of their pesticide use at their place of business. However, in order for this information to be useful to our state agencies, public health and law enforcement experts - it needs to be reported to a central online system so the information can be useful.

CALL YOUR MARYLAND STATE SENATOR

ASK THEM TO SUPPORT SENATOR MONTGOMERY'S

PESTICIDES - USE, RELEASE, PURCHASE AND SALES REPORTING BILL IN THIS COMING SESSION

This common sense bill will require pesticide dealers and pesticide applicators to report their pesticide sales and use to a central database, giving government agencies, scientists and public health experts the ability to track pesticides and their impact on our waterways, public health, as well as minimize threats to our national security associated with these chemicals.

For more information contact the Maryland Pesticide Network, 410.849.3909 info@mdpestnet.org or Clean Water Action, (410) 235-8808, baltcwa@cleanwater.org