Greetings!

This month we have a plethora of challenging news — so this newsletter is a bit longer than usual, as we don’t want to deprive our readers of news we all need to know about. Of growing concern, our federal agencies are making decisions to eliminate credible science and needed oversight for the sake of the health of people and our environment. As Bob Dylan sang, “There’s a battle outside and it is ragin’. It’ll soon shake your windows and rattle your walls for the times they are a-changin’.”

Along with the news items, please note this month’s action alerts. We can make our voices heard on the national and state level by voting and also joining forces on action alerts. And, we can all make personal lifestyle choices that have an impact—on our well-being and consumer demand—even with the toilet paper we use!

TAKE ACTION

On the national level…

- **Stop the gutting of USDA research.** Concerned scientists see a recent USDA decision as a way to cut funding for projects on climate change and nutrition, among others. This follows other Administration actions to reduce scientists’ input. Take action.
- Tell the EPA to ban atrazine, a pesticide linked to serious health effects like hormone disruption, shorter pregnancy and cancer [here](#).

*In Maryland...*

- Tell Butler’s Orchard: Protect children, not brain-damaging chlorpyrifos [here](#).

- Agroecology can feed Europe pesticide-free by 2050, new study finds. [Read more](#).
- Choose Certified Humane, Organic, and Pasture-Raised meat products. Read more.

- Check out these resources for eco-friendly TP, organic skincare and cosmetics, green home goods and cleaning products.

**NEWS & VIEWS**

Current federal agencies are gradually and effectively cutting out needed research, and public and environmental health oversight.

- The EPA is dissolving its Office of the Science Advisor, a senior post created to counsel the E.P.A. administrator on the scientific research underpinning health and environmental regulations. Read more.

- “EPA Places Children’s Health Leader on Unexplained Leave” in a move that those close to the agency suspect is intended to sideline the office’s work. Read more.
Speaking of research…

**Glyphosate**

Moms Across America released two studies:
- Test results of 10 hummus samples from 8 brands - **all but 1 tested positive for glyphosate.** [Read more.](#)
- Glyphosate found in all five major orange juice brands. [Read more.](#)

The good news:
- Miami Beach joins cities in CA, CO, CT, IL, IS, KS, MD, ME, MS, MN, NV, NH, NM, NJ, NC, OH, OR, TX, VA with similar glyphosate restrictions and bans. [Read more.](#)

**Chlorpyrifos**

- While the 9th Circuit Court ruled last month that EPA must ban all uses of chlorpyrifos as intended under the previous administration, **EPA is now appealing the Court’s 3-panel judge’s decision for a rehearing before the full court.**

This comes as even more chlorpyrifos research, beyond EPA’s initial confirmation, finding that chlorpyrifos impacts a fetus and child’s developing brain, at any detectable level.
- Researchers linked organophosphate pesticides, including chlorpyrifos, to asthma in farmworkers' children. Read more.

-Chlorpyrifos inhibits brain development in frogs. This study demonstrates exposure even at low concentrations, impacts vertebrate neurodevelopment. Read more.

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POLLINATOR/BEE BUZZ

- More on Glyphosate: It is linked to bee deaths in shocking new study. Read more.

- National Geographic reports on "how humans are messing up bee sex." Read more.

- Bees are dying at an alarming rate. Amsterdam may have the answer. Read more.

TIPS FOR A HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE
- Eight vegetables to grow in fall container gardens. Read more.

“lt's been a rainy, damp few months – perfect 'storm' for indoor mold! Read about 5 ways to kill mold naturally here.

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