



## **Q&A from Pesticides & the Chesapeake Bay Conference December 6, 2021 – Day 3 Session**

*Some questions were answered live and those answered below were typed in by presenters.*

**Asker:** Educe

**Question:** Who enforces PPE for worker protection? The PPE listed on pesticide labels is the law. Is PPE required for other work and what agencies enforce PPE use?

**Answer:** The Department of Agriculture in MD enforces the pesticide regulations.

**Asker:** Educe

**Question:** Hannibal also mentioned that the department opposed an expansion of minimum wage exemptions. Why are farmworkers exempt from many of the labor laws that protect the rest of us?

**Answer:** The answer is long. But in the 1930s when the FLSA and NLRA were passed, FDR made a deal with the southern Democrats. And he exempted the farm workers from protections in order to help the industrialized north and workers in terrible conditions in factories.

**Asker:** Emily Ranson

**Question:** What are ways the OAG plans to advocate for workers in 2022 Session?

**Answer:** Answered live.

**Asker:** Mike Ichniowski, MDAAP

**Question:** Are there any challenges planned to allowing the use of chlorpyrifos on golf courses, as runoff may enter drinking water reservoirs?

**Answer:** Answered live.

**Asker:** Anonymous Attendee

**Question:** I recently saw some articles about states suing about glyphosate and waterway impacts, including that Maryland was suing Monsanto. Any thoughts there?

**Answer:** Answered live.

**Asker:** Anonymous

**Question:** Would the drinking water bill help with pesticide impacts on well water?

**Answer:** Answered live.

**Asker:** Anonymous

**Question:** How would the bill address pesticide pollution?

**Answer:** Answered live.

**Asker:** Anonymous

**Question:** What lead the pesticide committee to begin to work on food and farmworker issues?

**Answer:** Answered live.



**Asker:** Margie Roswell

**Question:** How can we help the farmworkers?

**Answer:** Answered live.

**Asker:** Anonymous

**Question:** How can people get involved and help?

**Answer:** Answered live.

**Asker:** Clifford Mitchell (MD Dept of Health)

**Question:** Amy, Lela -- Thank you for this excellent review of worker safety and health issues. The Department of Health's NIOSH-supported Occupational Health and Safety Surveillance Project is very interested in working with the community to address these issues comprehensively.

**Answer:** Live answered

**Asker:** Anonymous

**Question:** elaborate on problems caused by EPA regulation of pesticides rather than OSHA

**Answer:** Answered live.