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 regulaiton of pesticides rather than OSHA
**Answer:** Answered live.