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The Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
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The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
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Maryland House of Delegates
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The Honorable Bill Ferguson
President
Maryland Senate
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RE: Report Required by EX ORD 01.01.2003.49 E - MSAR #9015

Dear Governor Hogan, Speaker Jones and President Ferguson:

EX ORD 01.01.2003.49 E states, "E. Reports. The Secretary [Department of Agriculture] shall report annually to the Governor on the activities of the [Pesticide Advisory] Committee."

I have included 2020 report. I hope you find the information contained in this report useful. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Cassie Shirk, Director of Legislation and Government Affairs, at cassie.shirk@maryland.gov or 410-841-5889.

Sincerely,

Joseph Bartenfelder
Secretary, Department of Agriculture



Pesticide Advisory Committee

2020 Annual Report

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Introduction

The Maryland Pesticide Advisory Committee (PAC) was established by [Executive Order .01.01.2003.49](#), signed by Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. on November 17, 2003. PAC has 15 members. Seven are appointed by the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), after consultation with the Governor's Office, who represent public health, the environmental community, general public, pesticide industry, local government, and the agricultural community. One member is appointed by the Senate President, one by the House Speaker, and one by the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland. Four serve ex officio and represent the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Natural Resources, the Secretary of the Environment, and the Secretary of Health. The Secretary of Agriculture names the Chair of the PAC.

This document was prepared as an introduction to the PAC, its mission and membership. Questions about the PAC can be directed to MDA or the Chair. The PAC provides a forum for the public and other interested parties to provide input on regulatory issues and to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on matters relating to pesticides.

PAC meets bi-monthly, as needed, normally on the fourth Wednesday of the month in Room 114 at the MDA Headquarters, located at 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401. Meetings begin promptly at 10 a.m. and adjourn at noon. The meetings are open to the public and the last 30 minutes of the meeting are devoted to public input.

Mission

The primary mission of the PAC is to advise MDA based on sound science, on the proper use, management and control of pesticides with particular emphasis on employing integrated pest management (IPM) techniques.

Duties and responsibilities outlined specifically in the executive order include:

- Making recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture for changes in law or regulation to improve pesticide management in the State of Maryland.
- Providing advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on issues concerning the registration, sale, use, storage and disposal of pesticides. The PAC also advises the Secretary of Agriculture on the certification and training of pesticide applicators, the licensing of pest control businesses and the protection of farm workers, endangered species and water resources.
- Serving in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of Agriculture, MDA officials, and other State agencies on pesticide-related matters.

Membership

The Committee consists of 15 members; seven are appointed by the Secretary after consultation with the Governor's Office. These seven members have subject matter expertise or interest in

pesticide use, pest control, public health or environmental protection. Eight members are specifically listed in executive order:

- The Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, or a designee.
- The Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources or a designee.
- The Secretary of the Department of the Environment or a designee.
- The Secretary of the Department of Health, or a designee.
- One representative of the University System of Maryland with expertise in pesticides, designated by the Chancellor.
- One member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate.
- One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House.
- One member of the Maryland Agricultural Commission, selected by the Secretary of Agriculture.

The Secretary of Agriculture names the Chair of the PAC. The seven members with expertise in pesticides and the members representing the Maryland Agricultural Commission serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of Agriculture. Members may not receive any compensation for their services but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, in accordance with the standard State Travel Regulations as provided in the State budget.

Procedures

The Maryland Department of Agriculture provides principal staff support to the PAC. Staff is responsible for scheduling and announcing the meetings, recording minutes and distributing appropriate information to the PAC members.

Meetings

The PAC may meet bi-monthly or when a meeting is needed. Proceedings start at 10 a.m. and are normally completed by 12:00 p.m. An agenda and the minutes of the last meeting are provided to members. The members are also provided with copies of news articles regarding pesticides. In the event of inclement weather, the PAC follows the Anne Arundel County Public School System's delay or cancellation schedule. If school is delayed by two hours or is canceled, the PAC meeting is cancelled until the next scheduled date.

Prior to the end of each PAC meeting, a total of 30 minutes is set aside for members of the public or other interested parties, to make a presentation to the PAC. Presentations must be limited to a five minute period or less, depending on the number of individuals signed up to speak. When possible, a written statement should be submitted before the meeting and an abstract of the presentation should be given at the meeting. It is suggested that members of the public provide scientific citations or studies referenced in their presentations or provide reprints of the study.

Any PAC member who fails to maintain a 50% attendance of all the meetings may forfeit their appointment by the Committee. By law, an appointed member who fails to maintain an attendance record is considered to have resigned their position. The member may send an approved alternative

to the meeting, however that person will not count for the member's attendance record, nor will they be permitted to vote. If the member is interested in remaining on the PAC and through extenuating circumstances that prevented attendance of the meetings, a request may be made to excuse the absence and the dismissal from the PAC.

Reports

The Secretary of Agriculture is required to report annually to the Governor on the activities of the PAC.

2020 Activities and Accomplishments

During 2020 the following items were discussed.

1. Pesticide Sensitive Individual Regulations

MDA recently updated its Regulations Pertaining to the Maryland Pesticide Applicator's Law to include notification of pesticide applications for public health (mosquito control) to MDA-approved pesticide sensitive individuals. [15.05.01.17.htm](#)

2. Department adds regulations pertaining to the use of Chlorpyrifos

MDA has added regulations that phase out the use of Chlorpyrifos. Section 15.05.01.02 E. of the Regulations Pertaining to the Maryland Pesticide Applicator's Law allows for limited use in order to use up existing stocks of the pesticide and will completely phase out all uses by December 31, 2021. [15.05.01.02.htm](#)

3. Committee Vacancies and New Members

Vacancies were discussed and the Committee welcomed two new members; Logan Freeman, representing the turf and golf course industries and Matthew Hurd, representing the Maryland Department of Natural resources.

2020 Pesticide Advisory Committee Members

Dr. Frederick Kutz – Chair

State Senator J.B. Jennings – Representing the Maryland Senate

Delegate Charles Otto – Representing the Maryland House of Delegates

Kevin Conroy – Representing the Maryland Department of Agriculture

John Bacus – Representing the Maryland Department of the Environment

Logan Freeman – Represents Turf and Golf Course Businesses

Marcie Hardin – Representing Maryland Public Schools

Richard Kramer – Representing Maryland Structural Pest Control Businesses

Dr. Clifford Mitchell – Representing the Maryland Health Department

David Myers – Representing the University of Maryland Extension Service

Matthew Hurd – Representing the Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Lindsay Thompson – Representing the Maryland Agricultural Industry

Vacant – Representing Maryland Groundwater Issues

Vacant – Representing the Maryland Agricultural Commission