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Sent: 10/13/2021 5:50:45 PM
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CC: Nesci, Kimberly [Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: at 11:30 am this morning - prep call - FW: TIME Sensitive - Interview with Bay Journal tomorrow

Hi Thuy – I just now received your voicemail on my cell! I apologize for however that happened, so strange to have a long delay on voicemail. I certainly would have forwarded the invite had I known.

Thank you,

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Subject: at 11:30 am this morning - prep call - FW: TIME Sensitive - Interview with Bay Journal tomorrow
Importance: High

Hi Kimberly – Following up to my other two emails. Can you quickly join a 15 min prep call with Ed this morning at 11:30? I know you are booked but Ann and I think this is the only time that mostly works for you and Ed.

Thank you,

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Subject: RE: TIME Sensitive - Interview with Bay Journal tomorrow

That works.

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Hi Shamus. We can try to do the prep at 11:30 am today (for 15 minutes), and 4 pm tomorrow, for the actual interview. I'm still trying to contact Ed.

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Subject: TIME Sensitive - Interview with Bay Journal tomorrow
Importance: High

Hi Ed and Kimberly,

Apologies for the very short notice, this has taken some time to work this through with the press office. We have another, more urgent request for an interview on PFAS in pesticide packaging, this time with the Bay Journal which originally covered the issue back last winter/fall.

OPA would like to set up a time for a 15 min prep with Tim Carroll and Nick Conger, the agency's spokespersons, today/tomorrow and then 30 minutes for the actual interview on background to occur tomorrow. OPA is going to ask again for questions in writing or for information about what he wants to talk about but we aren't sure we will get much. OPA already relayed all our results and information are online.

Ann- Can you help to ID times that will work for:

1) 15 min prep (today/tomorrow AM)
2) 30 min interview for tomorrow

Thank you,

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From: Tim Wheeler <twheeler@bayjournal.com>
Date: October 1, 2021 at 4:32:40 PM EDT
To: "Ozmen, Shamus" <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: FW: Pesticide Program Update: Updates on EPA Efforts to Address PFAS in Pesticide Packaging

Hi, Shamus Ozmen -

Jason Schellhardt at the Maryland Department of Agriculture forwarded me the update from EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention concluding that after further testing it found no PFAS in samples of two pesticides provided by the MDA. I wrote about this issue earlier this year, so would like to update the story. I still have some questions, though. Jason suggested you might be able to answer them. Do you have some time to talk, say early next week?

Thanks,

Tim Wheeler

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From: **Jason D. Schellhardt -MDA-** <jason.schellhardt@maryland.gov>
Date: Wed, Sep 29, 2021 at 4:46 PM
Subject: Re: FW: Pesticide Program Update: Updates on EPA Efforts to Address PFAS in Pesticide Packaging
To: Tim Wheeler <twheeler@bayjournal.com>

That is a good question, I would defer to the EPA for any questions regarding the disparity in testing/results. Shamus Ozmen would be your best contact there: Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov

On Wed, Sep 29, 2021 at 4:40 PM Tim Wheeler <twheeler@bayjournal.com> wrote:

Thanks for the update, Jason. I'm wondering how or why PEER found PFAS in its sample? Could the manufacturers already have switched by the time MDA got involved to containers that don't leach PFAS?

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On Wed, Sep 29, 2021 at 4:29 PM Jason D. Schellhardt -MDA- <jason.schellhardt@maryland.gov> wrote:

ICYMI - The U.S. EPA today announced conclusive test results showing no detection of PFAS in samples of Permanone 30-30 and PermaSease 30-30. This testing included samples taken from MDA's inventory of both products, as well as samples taken directly from the manufacturer at various stages of production. I have attached a PDF copy of the EPA report for your reference.

Thanks,

Jason Schellhardt

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From: U.S. EPA Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention <oppt.epa@public.govdelivery.com>
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Updates on EPA Efforts to Address PFAS in Pesticide Packaging

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues to work diligently to address per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the environment and is providing important updates on its progress in testing pesticide products and containers for PFAS.

Today, with the purpose of advancing sound science and providing transparency in its research, EPA is releasing an internally validated method for the detection of 28 PFAS compounds in oily matrices, such as pesticide products formulated in oil, petroleum distillates, or mineral oils. The oily matrix method is modified from EPA Method 537.1, a method that is mainly used for drinking water and was previously used in analyzing PFAS in fluorinated high-density polyethylene (HDPE) containers.

The new method is intended to help pesticide manufacturers, state regulators, and other interested stakeholders test oily matrix products for PFAS and join the effort in uncovering any possible contamination. In a shared interest to remove PFAS from the environment, if companies find PFAS in their product, EPA is requesting that they engage in good product stewardship and notify the Agency.

Through close collaboration with the Maryland Department of Agriculture, EPA used this oily matrix method to analyze three stored samples of mosquito control pesticide products (Permanone 30-30 and PermaSease 30-30) and obtained samples directly from the product line from the pesticide manufacturer. After thoroughly analyzing the samples and conducting an in-depth quality assurance and quality control process, the Agency determined that none of the tested samples contained PFAS at or above the Agency's method limit of detection. To date, the only PFAS contamination in mosquito

control pesticide products that the Agency has identified originated from fluorinated HDPE containers used to store and transport a different mosquito control pesticide product (Anvil 10-10).

While it continues its investigation, the Agency will use all available regulatory and non-regulatory tools to determine the scope of this emerging issue and its potential impact on human health and the environment. EPA continues to test additional fluorinated containers to determine whether they contain and/or leach PFAS and will be presenting those results when the studies are complete. The Agency is working with other federal agencies and trade organizations to raise awareness of this emerging issue and discuss expectations of product stewardship. EPA also is encouraging the pesticide industry to explore alternative packaging options, like steel drums or non-fluorinated HDPE.

As more information becomes available, EPA will continue to work in collaboration with other federal entities to provide guidance to states and localities that may be affected by PFAS in pesticide containers.

To access the oily matrix method report and to learn more, please visit: https://www.epa.gov/pesticides/pfas-packaging.

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