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Members of the Esmond family remain hospitalized following suspected pesticide poisoning while on vacation in the United States Virgin Islands. Stephen Esmond, his wife, Theresa Devine, and their teenaged sons Sean and Ryan, were airlifted to hospitals in the United States after initial emergency care in the Virgin Islands. Stephen, Sean and Ryan remain in critical condition. Theresa's condition has improved. The EPA is continuing to work with the U.S. Virgin Islands government and others to gather information and will ensure that appropriate steps are taken if it determines any environmental regulations or laws were violated.

Family members are grateful for the prayers and support of friends and loved ones. The family believes Stephen, Theresa, Sean and Ryan are in good hands medically and ask that the public continue to respect their privacy at this time.

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