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From: Cassie Shirk -GOV- [cassie.shirk@maryland.gov]
Sent: 7/8/2017 7:04:57 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, E]
Subject: Re: Pesticides on tobacco

I haven't read through all the links on here yet, but it looks like this should be helpful. One thing I didn't see in my quick search through the link you sent me was if minimum risk pesticides can be used on food crops. I would think they could, but would like to be certain.

Thanks so much!

On Jul 8, 2017 1:33 PM, "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
Response below:

Attached is a link to some information on the EPA website that discusses minimum risk pesticides: <https://www.epa.gov/minimum-risk-pesticides>. Note that pesticides meeting the conditions discussed on the website are exempt from federal registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. Individual states may still require registration of these products under state pesticide laws. Because these products are exempt from federal registration, EPA does not have a list of products in commerce that meet these criteria. The Maryland Department of Agriculture, however, would likely know which products meeting the minimum risk criteria can be sold and used in the state of Maryland.

On Jul 7, 2017, at 3:54 PM, Cassie Shirk -GOV- <cassie.shirk@maryland.gov> wrote:

That works perfectly. Do you think it's possible to get it early next week?



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On Fri, Jul 7, 2017 at 3:52 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
I'll try and get back to you next week? Does that work?

On Jul 7, 2017, at 3:51 PM, Cassie Shirk -GOV- <cassie.shirk@maryland.gov> wrote:

Hi, Tate:

I just tried to give you a call, but your voicemail was full and I was unable to leave a message. Anyway, I hope you're having a nice week! I was wondering if you would be able to provide me with a definition "minimum risk" pesticide as well as the EPA's list of minimum risk pesticides. Also, can "minimum risk" pesticides be used on food crops?

Thank you in advance for your assistance. I really appreciate your help.

Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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On Wed, Jul 5, 2017 at 12:32 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Team effort!

On Jul 5, 2017, at 12:31 PM, Cassie Shirk -GOV- <cassie.shirk@maryland.gov> wrote:

Thank you so much for getting me this information on Friday. I really appreciate it.

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On Fri, Jun 30, 2017 at 2:23 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Cassie-

Thanks to Rick, the attached file lists every federally-registered product that can be used on tobacco at some stage in its production, including those uses where tobacco might be treated post-harvest while it is in storage.

Please note that this list should not be used as a substitute for a pesticide user to consult the label for specific directions on how to

use the product. Not all of these products will necessarily be available for use in the State of Maryland. EPA does not maintain information regarding which products are registered in which states. The state lead agency for pesticide regulation would be the best source for that information.

Hope this helps.

Tate

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