Mr. Ed Crow, guest speaker for the July meeting at Turf Valley, did his best to answer our questions about safe pesticide storage buildings, but as he acknowledged, the standards that have been set so far are very general.

As a follow-up to that meeting, Dean Graves, Lou Rudinski and I were in attendance at the Governor's District Council meeting in Annapolis on July 27. We accepted this opportunity to make a presentation regarding our need for more input from the Department of Agriculture about the specifications for storage buildings.

I feel the Council understands our position and they have assured us they will consider the information we presented along with the plans they already have to come up with a set of guidelines so that we can build or buy storage buildings today that will not be outdated tomorrow.

We should have some news to pass along to the Association very soon. Also, while we were at the meeting we talked to Council member George Harmon, Program Administrator, Toxics Registries and Analysis Program with the Department of Environment about getting more information on underground storage tanks and the regulations regarding the "Employee-Right-to-Know" law.

Mr. Harmon has since mailed me a list compiled by the Department of Environment which contains contractors for underground spills, surface spills, petro-tite tests, tank salvagers and tank removal.

Anyone needing any of the information listed can give me a call and I will send you a copy.

We have now gotten past the 4th of July and are headed for Labor Day which means our Association's annual picnic is upon us. Remember this year we are at Bretton Woods and are there on Wednesday, August 14.

Let's all try to forget how miserable this summer has been so far and get out there to take advantage of the good food, beverages and the good company of our family and friends.

See you all there.

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