

MGCSA Teams Up With Ronald McDonald House

The MGCSA has teamed up with the Ronald McDonald House. Please save your pop can, pop tabs! Those handy little tabs will go a long way in helping make a family more comfortable while a young child goes thru medical treatment. This is a team effort that will secure a bright future for a precious commodity, our children.

November 12th is the day and Knott's Camp Snoopy is the place. The return of the MGCSA's Family Picnic. Make sure that you write that date down. Of course, this is open to ALL MGCSA members and their families! Further details will be forthcoming.

EPA Moves Ahead With Reduced Risk Policy

One of EPA's primary objectives this year is to launch a pilot reduced risk pesticide program through the Office of Pesticide Programs' registration division.

Larry Cullen, acting director of the division, says the goal is to accelerate the agency's review of applications for registration of pesticides that may pose a lower risk to public health and the environment than products currently on the market.

Under the pilot program, EPA would test how the agency would deal with risk issues. Several product registration applications accompanied by justification for reduced risk status already have been received, Cullen said.

He said EPA is not looking to issue a blanket set of criteria and warned that risk tradeoffs involved in registering the products will not be easy to evaluate. However, he added that it is critical to begin implementing the policy on a case-by-case basis.

A pesticide registration notice will be mailed to registrants soon.

EPA has refused to define the term "reduced risk."

Court Upholds Citizen's Right To Sue Under EPCRA Rules

A citizen's right to sue under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act was upheld recently by a Pennsylvania court.

The plaintiff in the suit alleges that a decorative foil manufacturer was late in filing reports required under EPCRA. The manufacturer did not

contest the charge, but asked that the suit be dismissed on ground that Congress had unconstitutionally delegated executive power by allowing any citizen to sue, thereby violating the separation of powers doctrine.

However, a U.S. District Court judge for the District of Eastern Pennsylvania ruled that citizen lawsuit provisions similar to EPCRA have been incorporated into environmental statutes for more than 20 years and never have been declared unconstitutional.

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