



Chesapeake Bay Program

Chesapeake Executive Council

Adoption Statement on Pesticide Management

In October 1994, we adopted the Chesapeake Bay Basinwide Toxics Reduction and Prevention Strategy. As part of that strategy, we agreed to manage the use of pesticides to prevent adverse effects on living resources and human health within the Chesapeake Bay basin. We further committed to establish, by 2000, voluntary integrated pest management practices on 75 percent of all agricultural, recreational, and public lands, within the Bay basin. Concurrently, we asked the Program staffs to develop, with the public, a goal for integrated pest management practices on commercial and residential lands.

The work of the Program staffs has been completed. Discussions with extension specialists and the pesticide industry indicate the goal should focus on education and outreach programs, which target commercial and household pesticide applicators. In this way, we can maximize the accurate information reaching those who will be applying pesticides to commercial and residential lands.

NOW THEREFORE, we adopt as part of the Chesapeake Bay Basinwide Toxics Reduction and Prevention Strategy, the following additional goal:

Develop and conduct basinwide education and outreach programs for commercial and household pesticide applicators to promote, by the year 2000, voluntary integrated pest management practices on 50 percent of the commercial land and 25 percent of the residential land within the Chesapeake Bay basin.

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