



BEYOND PESTICIDES

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PESTICIDE INCIDENT REPORT

Please complete this form and return it to Beyond Pesticides by email:
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Signature: Tami [REDACTED] Date: 2/10/24

May we contact you again? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Today's Date: 2/10/24 Name of Person Completing This Form: Tami [REDACTED]

Your Address: [REDACTED] City: Alexandria State: VA

Zip Code: 22309 Email Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: 7/19/23; 8/14/23; 9/18/23; 10/31/23 Name of Injured Person or Type of Animal/Plant: Tami Entabi, 2 dogs, frogs, skinks, beetles, lady bugs (I had)

Age of Injured Person: 62 Gender: F Your Relationship to Injured Person: myself

Injured Person's Contact Information, if different from above: _____

PLACE OF EXPOSURE:

☐ Indoors—Please Specify (home, school, workplace, etc.): _____

☒ Outdoors—Please Specify (yard, farm, golf course, park, etc): Back Yard

☐ Food Residues and/or Water—Please list consumable item: _____

PESTICIDE(S) EXPOSED TO (IF KNOWN):

Please include the product name and/or active ingredient. If you have a label, please attach a copy:

Demand CS (0.80ZGL) Lambda-cyhalothrin - fogger; BIFEN I/T - ground and perimeter spray

TYPE OF PEST TARGETED: mosquitos and ticks

PESTICIDE APPLICATOR:

☐ Self ☐ Neighbor ☐ Farmer ☐ Golf Course ☐ Utility Company ☐ School

☐ Public (local or state government) ☒ Commercial (name of company): Fox Pest Control

☐ Other: possibly one other, there may have been 2 foggings in August

METHOD OF APPLICATION:

☐ Aerial ☐ Aerosol ☒ Fogger ☐ Wood Preservative ☐ Fumigation/Tenting ☐ Other:____

ROUTE OF EXPOSURE(S):

☒ Inhalation ☒ Dermal (through the skin) ☒ Ingestion ☐ Other: Multiple casualties. Alky and I showed symptoms of inhalation, Festus is i

Did the incident occur as a result of use according to label instructions? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please describe: I don't know.

Were you notified in advance that a pesticide was used?

☒ Yes: How and when were you notified? _____

☒ No: How did you discover that the pesticide had been applied? Not initially. Another neighbor told me about seeing the truck

EXPOSURE INCIDENT

Please provide an account of the incident below (attach additional sheets if necessary):

A timeline and information follows.

Here is a link to video of a dying skink:

<https://share.icloud.com/photos/00c7-ViGqrT3K6vv9W-iet4-w>

Here are two links to the technician fogging on October 31st. It is poor video; I was sitting on a ladder waiting to record and he saw me there and moved away from my fence, but is clearly spraying through the fence into other neighbors' yards.

https://share.icloud.com/photos/0b3-rvMNnERjaqqbH_GeoGnHQ

<https://share.icloud.com/photos/048jVYwcYaE0PC9XIbnsLIYnw>

I recorded this because the Virginia State Dep't of Pesticides had told me that to calculate drift I would need information on the sprayer being used. Fox Pest Control would not take or return my calls, so I resorted to this. I certainly had the feeling that if I had not been there, he would have been spraying into my yard as well, since he started into the back yard walking along my fence, then looked up and saw me.

FOLLOW-UP:

Are you chemically sensitized?

☒ Yes: Was it a result of this particular incident? If No, please describe the reason for sensitization: I sometimes react to certain scents and have difficulty breathing.

☐ No

Have you taken or are you considering taking legal action regarding this incident?

If Yes, please elaborate on the results/status of the case:

Yes, I am talking to Andrew Simpson of Chernoff Simpson about filing a private nuisance claim to get

Would you recommend your attorney to others? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please provide your attorney's name, address, and telephone number: I don't know yet.

Did you notify a public authority or agency about this incident? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please elaborate on what took place (Was there an investigation? Was any action taken? Were any tests conducted?):

I contacted the VA Dep't of Pesticides for guidance on how to restore my pond. I was not aware of the extent the fogging had affected my yard and the health of me and my dogs at that time. The office offered a complaint form but I declined because I believe

Did you see a doctor? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please indicate which medical tests were conducted (if any):

☐ Blood Count ☐ Biochemical Screen ☐ Urinalysis ☐ Routine Liver Profile

☐ Red Blood Cell/Serum Cholinesterase with Dibucane Level ☐ Nerve Conduction Timing Test

☐ Other: _____

Did the results show pesticide residues or poisoning? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, what did the results show?: _____

Please elaborate about diagnosis, treatment, etc. _____

Pesticide Fogging Record

Dates of Mosquito Fogging				
	Time	Wind Speed	Mitigation Measures	Effects
19-Jul-23	unknown	8 mph	None; I did not know. The dogs and I were in the yard for hours after I came home from work. I am told fogging took place in the late afternoon	I noticed that evening that the Copes Gray Tree frogs that had been gathering around my pond were missing. There were no frogs or toads calling. No beetles on the log by the pond. No lady bugs, although I had released 4,500 a few weeks before. Also no fireflies as it got darker. I had difficulty breathing when I tried to lay down and was unable to sleep that night. Felt agitated and paced my room or read until 3 am when I took some Benadryl. Alky drooled and Festus vomited several times. I had chest tightness, anxiety and difficulty sleeping the following two nights.

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14-Aug-23	9:00 AM	9.9 mph	<p>I spoke with neighbors once I learned the fogging had taken place at the time the frogs disappeared and the beetles died. They initially said that they would stop fogging but continue ground and perimeter spraying and would instruct company to stay 15 feet from my fence, and inform me when spraying would take place so I could protect my yard and keep dogs inside. I purchased TNT mosquito traps for them. Shortly after they told me they were restarting fogging because daughter had 20 mosquito bites and they had taken her to the emergency room, where doctors prescribed a Z pack. Before fogging I hung tarps over 4 ft split-rail fence on the property line, covered pond with tarps, removed bird feeders. Technician stood 15 feet away from the property line, but pointed sprayer up into trees near my fence. I could see the spray arching over and into my yard, where the wind dispersed it. I spoke with technician about keeping fogging away from my property. I purchased and displayed No Spraying signs. I showed a dying skink to Amanda. Began process of removing and trashing poisoned water and soil; power washed plant roots and repotting in clean (store bought) soil designed for ponds. I stopped harvesting cherry tomatoes, kale and basil from raised bed and ultimately trashed plants and soil.</p>	<p>Found 6 five lined skinks partially paralyzed who died; dead beetles around pond and on shrubs; On August 19th I took Alky to the emergency vet due to lethargy and difficulty walking; symptoms had begun after the fogging but not abated and my own vet could not fit us in. Diagnosis was a sore hip. Discharged with Rimadyl. Symptoms match neurological damage from lambda-cyhalothrin in EPA Toxicology report.</p>

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Sept. 18, 2023	5:15 PM	11 mph	<p>After the August 14th fogging, I installed 7 foot solid board fence along the property line; planted more shrubs and trees along fence line; hung 36 tarps on the fence, between and over trees, added activated carbon filters to garden hoses since carbon will bind with the pesticide to be washed away; purchased and used pond detoxifier to help mitigate contaminants; covered pond (I have already removed poisoned water, plants and soil); set up sprinklers to wash away any pesticide residue. Removed bird feeders. Hosed down entire yard following fogging. Placing tarps took 11 hours before fogging; 3 hours of hosing down, then ongoing work cleaning and putting away tarps. I was only notified late morning the day before the fogging, so had to work all day into the night hanging tarps, even though it was raining. At one point the 10 foot ladder shifted and flipped down the hill, sending me into a holly tree. I stopped for the night but continued before dawn the next morning. That night I had offered Amanda \$1,000 to not fogg since I was afraid of killing myself from preparations and because she had indicated they could not get out of their contract, but she declined. Mosquito season was well over.</p>	<p>The new frogs in the pond survived, flowers in the beds around the pond smashed and broken from the tarps; beetles on the shrubs and trees near the fence died; Milkweed beetles on milkweed to the west of the sprinkler line died; milkweed beetles on the east of the sprinklers survived.</p>

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Oct. 10, 2023			Alky diagnosed with bronchitis after several weeks of weird coughing that became progressively worse. My vet unable to see her, took her to EmmaVet urgent care where she was diagnosed with bronchitis. Bronchitis can be caused by inhalation of pesticides.	

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16-Oct-23			Original Fogging Date; rescheduled to October 27th. Preparations (tarps and tent - see below) were in place by Oct. 16th. Took the day off work to monitor, but they changed the date. Keeping the tent in place prevents plantings from getting enough sunlight.	
27-Oct-23			Installed robust pumps and activated charcoal filters in ponds to absorb toxins. Kept tarps on inside fence, although mold is growing underneath. I will add a system to roll up tarps. Erect 10 x 20 foot party tent over pond and flower beds and cover with tarps. Remove bird feeders. Purchased another hose and installed activated charcoal filters on all hoses. Set up row of 3 sprinklers with 4 inch wide water stream to operate between fence and pond to block/bat down and wash away pesticide. Took the day off work to monitor.	Rescheduled to October 31st.

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Fogging	Time	Wind Speed	Mitigation Measures	Effects
Oct. 31, 2023	1:45 PM	1 mph; temp 54 degrees	Leave all of the above set up; run sprinklers. Take video of spraying; Took the day off work to monitor; tech stays away from my fence, sprays into other neighbors yards. I hose down my yard with charcoal water after he leaves.	Measures appeared to work; bumblebee on butterfly weed and milkweed beetles on milkweed survived. Tech saw me recording and walked directly to the back fence to spray into that yard. He did not spray into my yard at all, unlike in August. Cold air likely helped reduce drift as well.
Jan. 20, 2024				Alky undergoes brain surgery to drain fluid from her brain caused by a choroid plexus tumor. Exposure to pyrethroids and Lambda-cyhalothrin, especially through inhalation, associated with brain cancer in dogs and children. She is only six years old. Her life has been cut short.