

## Regulatory Inconsistency

The Unintended Consequences

#### Indiana

+ Legislators heard that general use (non-restricted) pesticides are safe.

"Anybody can purchase and use them"

\*original bill removed all cert. requirements EXCEPT federal



## Deregulation: Cause and Effect

What hasn't changed

Ag Users WPS 40 CFR 170 **Employer Responsibility** 

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+ Ag Users WPS 40 CFR 170

**Training (handler)** 

**PPE** 

**Decontamination** 

Records

<sup>\*</sup>REGARDLESS OF PESTICIDE CLASSIFICATION



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+ Occupational Users

State deregulation to the federal level (40 CFR 171) could mean lack of employer responsibility

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40 CFR 171 ONLY applies to restricted use pesticides

40 CFR 170 ONLY applies to ag-use pesticides

In Many States, occupational users (green industry, pest control, ROW) use ONLY non-restricted pesticides

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# Products with both AG and non-ag uses.

+ Herbicides

+ Insecticides

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### Same Product Two Standards

- + Turf
- + Aquatic
- + ROW

No employer requirements



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#### **+ Occupational Users**



# Same ACTIVE ingredients, two standards

+ Fipronil

+ Bifenthren

+ Glyphosate

No employer requirements when not used in Ag (WPS)



#### Indiana

+ Deregulation removed employer/supervisor responsibility (non-ag)

No labels

PPE no longer required to be provided

**Contact with supervisor not required** 

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No site specific instructions

**Enforcement focus > applicator (not supervisor)** 



# Is the sky falling?

#### **Indiana Businesses**

- + Still providing PPE
- + Still providing OJT
- + Currently no enforcement cases

# Inconsistency in the Name of Regulatory Relief



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- +Deregulation
- +MAHA

#### Calley Means, Dept. of Health and Human Services

. "Obviously it's because of environmental toxins. We produce and ingest 25% of the world's pesticides," Means said at an event in D.C. launching the MAHA institute. "The leading herbicides and pesticides that we use in the United States — many of them are phased out or banned in every other country in the world."

## Zen Honeycutt, Executive Director Moms Across America

"This administration has done something that no other administration has ever done, which is to acknowledge the impact of toxic chemicals and products in our environment and in our society that are contributing to our physical and mental and reproductive health crisis"

#### **Tension**

Both deregulation AND the banning of pesticides are viewed favorably by the same people.

#### How do we reconcile the differences?



## Is there opportunity for change?



#### **Discussion**

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