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EPA, DPNR To Host Press Conference On Reducing Pesticide Use

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ST. THOMAS -- Department of Planning and Natural Resources Commissioner Dawn Henry announced via press release this afternoon that the department, in collaboration with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), will host a free conference on reducing pesticide use on Wednesday at the Charles W. Turnbull Regional Library here. Governor Kenneth Mapp will also be present, according to a separate press release issued by Government House.

"Pesticides can be extremely toxic to people, and they should be used with extreme caution," said EPA Regional Administrator Judith A. Enck. "By using integrated pest management practices, we can reduce the amount of pesticides in the environment—

protecting people from long and short term illnesses.”

Commissioner Henry added: “DPNR is proud to host this conference which will allow our local population to take a proactive approach to pest management by eliminating those environmental factors that help pests thrive and when appropriate, utilize more environmental friendly products.”

The event is said to begin at 10:45 a.m. at the library, where EPA and government officials will discuss the agencies' partnership, and efforts being taken to reduce pesticide use.

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