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Look for BMPs to be Mandatory!

Well summer is definitely here and I hope most of the state has received some much-needed rain, although as usual Mother Nature overdid it in some areas. We sure didn’t need water restrictions on top of everything else we’re dealing with right now, especially the slow economy.

Over the past three messages I have tried to encourage our members to look at the checklist in the back of the Golf BMP manual, and I hope that a few of you have tried at least to sit down and look through it. I do not think it is going to be much longer before BMPs will not be just a voluntary set of guidelines, but rather they will be mandated by law, especially for new golf courses. Why not look now and see how you stack up?

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