HERBICIDES IN RAINWATER

Arclet U.S. Geological Survey study noted traces of herbicides in rainwater samples from 23 states. Atrazine, alachlor, metachlor and a degradation product of atrazine were among herbicides detected. Agricultural pesticide use was believed the main source of the herbicide pollution. This is the first time study to confirm that pesticides can be transported through vaporization into the atmosphere. Turf applications were not believed to have contributed to the pesticides found in the rainwater samples.

EPA APPROVES GEORGIA UST PROGRAM

Georgia became the fourth state approved by EPA to run its underground storage tank program in lieu of the federal program. New Hampshire approval came in June and followed approval of Mississippi, New Mexico and New Hampshire programs. There are almost 2 million U.S. at about 750,000 sites nationwide. Georgia has an estimated 51,248 underground storage tanks with 1,183 confirmed releases.

The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) authorizes EPA to approve state UST programs to operate in lieu of the federal program. To qualify for final authorization, a state's program must be "no less stringent" than the federal program.

GCSAA NAMES MCCARTHY

Patricia McCarthy has been named director of administration for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. In her new role she will oversee facilities financing and data information systems.

HAGUE HONORED FOR OPEN WORK

CHASKA, Minn.—Chris L. Hague, course superintendent of Hazeltine National Golf Club, was cited for his excellent work in preparing the course for the recent 1991 U.S. Open. Stephen G. Cadezcell, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America president, made the plaque presentation on behalf of the GCSAA.

Among those attending the annual GCSAA meeting were Robert Trent Jones, Sr. and Jr., golf course architects; Ray Anderson and Judy Bell, USGA executive committee members, and Thomas C. Fischer, Minnesota GCSA president.

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