EPA Publishes Safety Brochure
A new brochure designed to improve chemical safety management of businesses that use hazardous chemicals has been published by the Environmental Protection Agency in cooperation with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and nine co-sponsors. The illustrated brochure, Managing Chemicals Safely: Putting It All Together, defines good prevention practices and describes how applying this approach can benefit, suggests how to start a chemical process safety management program, and recommends additional information resources.

The brochure also may help businesses prepare to comply with new EPA and OSHA regulations that address chemical process safety management.

For single copies or further information, contact the EPA Emergency Planning and Community-Right-to-Know Information Hotline at 800-555-0202.

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PEBBLE BEACH’S MILLER HONORED

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Ed Miller, superintendent of courses for the Pebble Beach Co. here, has been recognized as Superintendent of the Year by Seed Research of Oregon.

Miller was presented this award in recognition of his accomplishments and proven leadership in the turf industry.

Miller set the program in motion to eradicate the kikuyugrass on the Pebble Beach Golf Links, part of an extensive program to restore Pebble Beach to its original 1919 Jack Neville and Douglas Grant design.

Pebble Beach Golf Links is now the home of the U.S. Open scheduled in June.

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STEICHEN SUPER AT ORLANDO COURSE

ORLANDO, Fla. — Alan Steichen, assistant superintendent at Laurel Oak Country Club in Sarasota, has been named superintendent for Falcon’s Fire Golf Club, under development by Arvida Corp. The Wisconsin native has been involved in the golf industry for 30 years. Turf experts feel that what would happen without this pesticide could be devastating.

Response to this environmental group's charge was sharp.

“Rumors that methyl bromide has been banned and that there is a timetable to phase it out in the next few years are totally false,” declared turfgrass industry leader Carroll McLawhorn.

McLawhorn said different products would have alternative chemicals in place of methyl bromide. "It is the product of choice.

Other soil sterilants are not as effective, McLawhorn said. Different products would have to be used, and their residual action would prohibit growing of any given area for weeks or even months. Methyl bromide is the only chemical that totally sterilizes the soil instead of using nematicides, insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, and other products during renovation or new construction.

Jeff Hill, Midwest representative for Hendrix and Dail’s office in Franklin, Ky., has been working closely with superintendents in a 13-state region on their renovation projects.

Hill stressed, “We provide the utmost safety precautions during the fumigation process, whether for the superintendents’ staff or the homeowner/member living on one of the fairways. We post warnings signs within a golf course development, store methyl bromide in steel containers, and have the licensing necessary, as it is restricted use pesticide that a homeowner can’t purchase, and the chemical is a toxic, potent pesticide.”

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