Browner looking to put the kibosh on regulation retraction?

Believe it or not, the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is bending over backwards to make points with the American business community. How else can we explain the spate of market-friendly directives spilling forth from the desk of Carol Browner, who has changed her stance somewhat? After storming into office as one of the more visible FOBs, running a thorough roofup and cleanout of the traditional liberal rallying cries for all to hear, Browner's office is now talking about softening its labeling restrictions (see page 39).

Could it be that Browner and her agency have been dragged into the Clinton Administration's headlong rush to the economic edge for small businesses that make "good-faith" efforts to correct past violations under most EPA statutes. Apparently, this policy is part of Clinton's Executive Memorandum on the Waiver of Penalties and Reduction of Regulatory Burdens, which gives federal agencies the ability to waive penalties for violations by small businesses, under certain conditions.

Do you believe her? I say, it doesn't matter. If your course has

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The study, to be repeated this year by the University of South Carolina, is being funded; thus continues the impact of more than 300 golf course purchases — to the state was $644 million. With these related expenditures added in, the economic impact of golf has been widely reported as $1.5 billion.

Each tax dollar spent on golf advertising produces $74 in spending by golfers. The South Carolina PTR 1994 marketing and advertising budget, which is funded primarily from admissions tax paid on golf greens fees, was an 18 percent increase over 1993.

The economic impact from golf course operations has added more than $227 million in direct expenditures and over $16.7 million in combined tax revenue.

"Attracting more golfers means more jobs, more income and more tax revenue for the state," acknowledges South Carolina's Gov., David Beasley.

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affected and how much small equipment there is out there used by contractors and landscapers. All this stuff, especially on a golf course, is specialized high-dollar equipment.

"I think there's going to be a lot more fallout as the government goes on here. If there are any problems with this in the long run, it could damage our fleet and you could be talking about a lot of money."

With golf course work crews everywhere facing the brunt of the summer heat, mechanics also note engines using the new RFG seem to have problems starting and running when temperatures hit the mid-80s and higher. On top of all this, prices for the new gas have been creeping up steeply the past six months.

"You're paying a little more at the pump and you're paying for nothing," said David Pellerin, head mechanic for six years at Portland (Maine) CC. Pellerin said he recently discovered a melted head gasket for the first time on a National triplex bank mower and has had to make constant adjustments to mowers and grounds carts.

"I believe the gas is killing us here to stay, so we're going to have to make the best of it. It probably will start going by a higher octane."

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Ocean Course Purchase Agreements or otherwise, directly or indirectly, with any other person, entity or qualified organization participating in the auction, TOC agrees to grant ASNY $150,000 to enable ASNY to complete the [environmental] study...

The agreement, which included another $100,000 to ASNY at the end of its study, was signed by ASNY President Ron Dodson and TOC Vice President Daniel M. McCormack on Sept. 9, 1993.

Of course, that promise of $250,000 bit the dust with the personnel don't wish to work with ASNY to join in the process.)

People in the golf industry, especially in recent years, have promoted awareness that they are the true environmentalists — the ones enhancing wildlife habitat hands-on.

One entity alone can threaten all that goodwill. Who's involved in new golf course construction?" he asked.

"In the world, research is done by the architects, not the maintenance men. In effect, [the industry] is doing the same as asking the plant manager (caretaker) to design a good furnace, etc. The USGA gets dragged into this because of our [green-spec] guidelines."

Kenna added: "There's very little research into the most important factor: Ensuring you have a good property to work with and that it's built well."

There's no accounting for taste differences in turfgrasses, says Turf Merchants Inc. Vice President Steve Tabbs. "In Las Vegas, a desert, they are managing a New Jersey perennial ryegrass year-round. That's what they want. In Palm Springs, a desert, it's the opposite. They love Bermuda grass and want perennial ryes just to oversee and then to die out. And those two spots are only 200 miles apart."