Because of ‘control,’ EPA amends label

WASHINGTON, D.C. — BacMan, Emerald Isle’s new bacterial management product designed to control excess nutrients in ponds, has been relabeled to comply with EPA regulations.

Prior to its relabeling, Emerald Isle claimed its BacMan product “controlled” algae. Because of the use of the word “control,” the U.S. EPA contacted Emerald Isle in May to investigate whether the product was in fact a pesticide that would require EPA registration. The subsequent investigation revealed that BacMan is not a pesticide, and that it is a bioaugmentation product that does not require EPA registration.

Emerald Isle showed that BacMan works by augmenting the pond bacteria that consume excess Nitrogen and other nutrients that might appear in ponds from fertilizer runoff and natural aquatic life cycles. If a pond is overloaded with nutrients, algae may grow out of control.

The new label reads “BacMan — Bacterial Management to Control Excess Nutrients for Clear, Clean Ponds.”

INDIANAPOLIS — Gallery 75 Dry Flowable pre-emergence herbicide has received interim registration for professional uses in the state of California.

An interim registration for Gallery allows residents of California to obtain the benefits of this weed control product while the remaining requirements for full registration are being completed.

Gallery is a herbicide designed to prevent 95 broadleaf weeds, including the hard-to-control such as dandelion and chickweed, for up to eight months without injury.

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Florida Turf show makes August debut

TAMPA — Though typically reserved for fall wardrobes, green will be the primary summer color when the Florida Turfgrass Association brings its 44th annual Conference and Show to the Tampa Convention Center, Aug. 23-26. In honor of the Olympic Games, this year’s theme will be “Turfgrass Sports World.” With more than 350 exhibitors expected from the United States, Canada and England occupying 400 booths, the show offers a wide selection of displays featuring new products and the latest industry techniques and strategies. Also included will be a three-day schedule of more than 30 workshops and educational sessions covering industry research and development.

The event also includes the 4th Annual Research Fishing Tournament, held Aug. 26 and the Research Golf Tournament, beginning at 8:30 a.m., Aug. 26, at Tampa Palms Golf & Country Club.

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