OSHA pushes case for ergonomics

By Mark Leslie

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Arguing that ergonomics is the solution, not the problem, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) ergonomics coordinator defended the agency's work to define guidelines for the workplace.

"Our Congressional mandate is to prevent injury and illness in the workplace," said Nancy Adams. "The way the debate gets framed, ergonomics is the problem. But it's not. It's an intervention strategy to prevent the injury from happening, by good engineering, good process design, fitting the job to the worker and not the worker to the job. You can't do that as one-size-fits-all."

OSHA's push into the realm of ergonomics is not new. The first ergonomist joined the agency in 1979, and talks with labor, trade associations and professional organizations began in the early 1980s. But the business

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Irri-Tech on board with Smart Rain

By M. Levans

KOMOKA, Ontario, Canada — Irri-Tech Distribution Inc. is the latest on Smart Rain Corp.'s growing list of distributors for its new irrigation control system package that allows superintendents head-by-head sprinkler control.

The assets in the merger transaction will include the golf courses, the resort operation assets and developed and undeveloped land, but will exclude the hotels which are individu-

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Bay Harbor Golf Club has taken shape on a five-mile stretch of Lake Michigan shoreline in northern Michigan. It sits on the former site of a cement factory and a quarry that produced sand and gravel. Eighteen holes are ready, nine more will see limited play this fall. See story page 39.

Irri-Tech — a three-person division that Blue Jay Sprinkler Co. started specifically to accommodate the Smart Rain business — will be the exclusive distributor for Ontario, Western Canada and Northern Michigan.

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N.D. golf on the rebound

By Bob Spiwak

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — The Red River has receded into its banks after cataclysmic flooding this spring, but golf courses in the Red River Valley are still struggling to get back to normal.

In the Grand Forks area alone, damage estimates are around $8 billion, and not one golf course is fully operating 18 holes again. Courses are still tallying up the damage with Federal Emergency Management Administra-

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