

EPA gives Eagle stamp of approval on turfgrass

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rohm and Haas Co., the Philadelphia-based specialty chemicals manufacturer, has received Environmental Protection Agency registration allowing application of the firm's new Eagle fungicide to turf.

A systemic product designed for use as a protectant fungicide while provid-



ing post-infection activity, Eagle is formulated to offer a wide spectrum of disease control coupled with excellent safety to all types of turfgrasses.

Recommendations call for applications of Eagle to be made in a regularly scheduled spray program at a rate of 3 ounces per 5,000 square feet every 14 days.

Curl joins board of directors for RohMid

PARSIPPANY, N.J., — RohMid L.L.C., a joint venture of Rohm and Haas Co. of Philadelphia and American Cyanamid Co. based here, has named Gary D. Curl to its board of directors. Curl is business manager for Cyanamid's Turf and Ornamental Products Group.

RohMid was formed in 1995 in order to develop, register and commercialize MACH2 turf insecticide. The new product, expected to be approved by the EPA early in 1997, controls grubs, cutworms and other soil-borne pests in turf.

The board consists of two members each from Rohm and Haas and American Cyanamid. Current board members include Janet Giesselman, turf & ornamentals products manager at Rohm and Haas and chair of the RohMid board; Don Loughner, product development manager-turf & ornamentals at Rohm and Haas; Rick Chamblee, associate director, North American product development at American Cyanamid; and Curl, who joined the company as senior market manager, Professional Turf, Ornamental and Pest Control Products.

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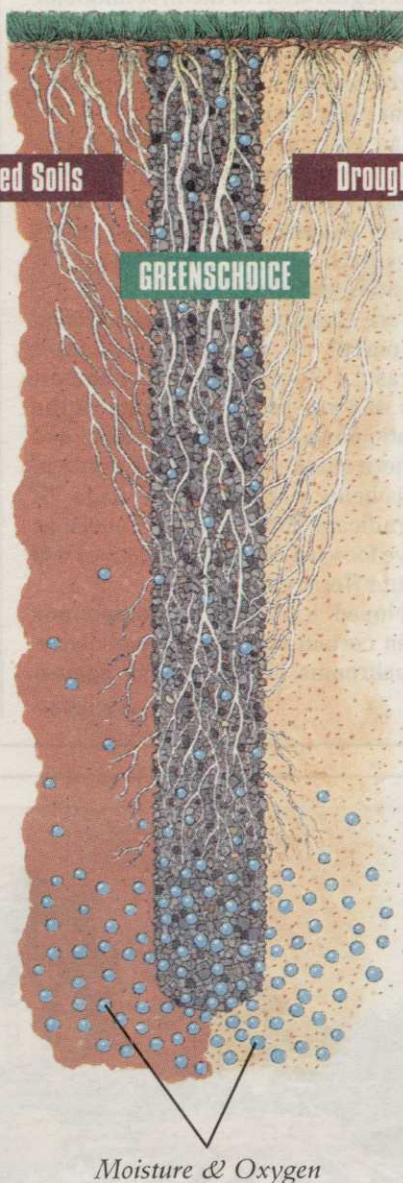
Superintendents know the importance of aerification holes, because both the procedure and choice of amendment can be critical to the long-term

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ZENECA LAUNCHES TRAINING PROGRAM

LAS VEGAS — Zeneca Professional Products of Wilmington, Del., is undertaking a Masters University Training Program intended to train superintendents and distributors on applying pesticides. "It will be a large-scale educational program ... like a certification training," said Tony Rademaker, Zeneca's turf product manager. The program, he said, will start with a mailing of educational brochures and a test. When the superintendent returns the test, Masters University personnel follow up with one- to two-hour training sessions.

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plant pathogens from all four major fungal groups, according to research.

Steve Gipson, superintendent at Fairlawn Country Club in Cleveland, said at the conference that using the product "can break the pattern of using sterile inhibitors after sterile inhibitors. It gives us an opportunity to break that cycle. Sterile inhibitors aren't bad, but this will extend the life of sterile inhibitors."

"It is the only fungicide to control both brown patch and *pythium*," said Dr. Bruce Clark of Rutgers University, one of several researchers who studied *azoxystrobin*. "It provides up to 28 days of control."

Dr. Joseph Vargas of Michigan State University also touted its replacement of mercury-based products and "excellent control of snow mold."

Clark pointed to Heritage's low .2- to .4-ounce usage rate and "low-risk environmental profile." Indeed, when mixed at four and eight times the mix rate, it reportedly did not harm turf.

Superintendent Mike McNulty of Philadelphia Country Club, one of more than 170 superintendents to test the product, said: "The only thing it does not control is dollar spot, and there are many other products that do that."

It has proven effective against summer patch, takeall patch, anthracnose, pink and gray snow mold, red thread, fusarium patch and other fungi, according to Clark.

"It's wonderful to see a different mode of action come on the market," he said, adding that it is compatible when mixed with other products, such as those that fight dollar spot. "We looked at a dozen [products] and there is no sign of incompatibility. We also applied it at far higher rates on bentgrass and there were no detrimental effects."

"We see it as a foundation products. Others can be added to it," said Zeneca Technical Business Manager David Ross.