**New wetlands regs could stifle development**

**By MARK LESLIE**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is implementing a new cadre of wetlands regulations in early 2000 that is expected to impact a far greater number of residential and commercial developments, including golf courses.

Public comment on the proposed Nation Wide Permits (NWPs) expires Oct. 6, making the way for the new rules which affect jurisdictional waters of the United States—wetlands, streams, lakes, etc. Although the new NWPs have not been officially confirmed, experts in the field anticipate few changes before the

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**Assistants often underappreciated**

**By PETER BLAIS**

While head superintendents are seeking increased recognition and money for themselves, they are also encouraging course owners and members to upgrade the salaries and benefits of their assistants.

Nationally, the mean salary paid superintendents is $53,205, almost double the $27,981 average salary of assistants, according to 1998 figures provided by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA). Why pay assistants more?

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**Machine takes overseeding to next level**

**By A. OVERBECK**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Turf Solutions has developed the Dry Sprayer, a machine using new overseeding technology that dramatically increases the speed, accuracy and germination time over standard overseeding techniques. Adapting air-blast technology commonly found in agricultural equipment, the Dry Sprayer blows seed directly into the turf canopy.

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