a concern, too. Do you know of any way that the dust can be reduced short of eliminating liming? (Pennsylvania)

A—Superintendents who have hydraulic applicators (hydro-mulchers, hydro-seeders, hydro-grassers) have the problem licked, especially for putting greens and tees. In water suspension there is no dust. For 50 to 70 acres of fairways hydraulic spreading is a bit impractical and this is the area where dust is a big problem.

Very recently, I have received a sample of finely-pulverized limestone that has been pelletized into firm granules. This product is virtually dust free and can be spread with conventional gravity feed spreaders or with spinner type spreaders. The granules can be crushed with firm pressure from one’s fingers. Dropped into water, the pellets quickly disperse and spread out in the familiar appearance of finely pulverized limestone.

One advantage of granules is that they roll off blades of grass. When moisture is supplied (rain or irrigation), they dissolve (they really disintegrate) and settle down to the job that lime is designed to do—without dust. You can expect the cost to be somewhat higher than conventional limestone.

In naming the company that designed and manufactures this pelletized lime (known as Granulime), I assume no responsibility for the product. I would prefer that Paul Perrine, president, answer the inquiries, rather than I. The company is Calcium Products Corp., P.O. Box 270, Aurora, Ind. 47001. The mine and plant are near Irvington, Ky.

No information has been given to me about Ca and Mg contents nor about the fineness (screen test) of the limestone prior to the granulating process.

This question and answer has been prepared to acquaint GOLF-DOM’s readers with another step in progress toward refined management of turfgrass areas. It implies no recommendation for use or endorsement of the product. Those readers who are interested are asked to correspond directly with Paul Perrine.

Q—Everyday there are 20 to 25 big jets that fly over my golf course in their landing pattern. I can see fuel being dumped as they approach the runway. The greens that lay beneath this approach pattern give me more trouble than all the others. Is there a connection? (Maryland)

A—There is a first time for everything and this is the first I’ve heard of possible trouble from dumped jet fuel. I don’t know the answer, but I’ll work with you to find the answer. I wonder if other clubs near big airports have had any similar experiences?

NATURE’S BOUNTY

Q—We have many, many plants of pokeweed (Phytolacca americana) springing up all around our golf course, especially where the soil has been disturbed and organic materials have been placed for disposal. What is a good way to get rid of them? (Virginia)

A—Eat them! Boiled pokeweed greens are a delicacy superior to spinach. Poke is similar to asparagus. All you have to do is gather it, cook and eat it. You can freeze it for winter eating. But don’t eat the purple berries. When pokeweed grows tall and the leaves are old and inedible, one can use the fleshy roots. If anyone wants to pursue the subject I will accept letters and answer all of them in the future. I cannot answer individual letters.