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unnatural, inorganic materials as applied to target areas in the past.

Golf courses did not escape their close scrutiny.

After being alerted to the potential problems golf courses could face in St. Paul by the Minnesota Plant Food & Chemical Association, the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association chose to take an active stance in developing this legislation.

MGCSA sponsored speakers and submitted written testimony in support of the position that golf courses contributed very little to environmental degradation, and that golf course superintendents, in particular, were carefully trained protectors of the environment.

Offering verbal testimony in MGCSA’s behalf were Tom Fischer, Edinburgh USA; Jim Cink, Iowa State; Bob Mugaas, Hennepin County Extension Service, and Dr. Don White, University of Minnesota.

Written testimony from GCSAA and Penn State University supplemented the association’s position. Lobbying was also done with other interested organizations and businesses in concert with MGCSA’s stance.

Though the final report is not finished, it appears that golf courses in Minnesota have escaped most of the criticism forwarded towards pesticide and chemical use nationally.

Nonetheless, we must realize that our image as positive influences on the environment has become tarnished. We must respond positively to the concerns of environmentally conscious citizens and become leaders in the environmental effort.

MGCSA is assuming a greater leadership role in this area. It is your responsibility as golf course superintendents to make sure that pesticides and fertilizers are used safely and properly on your course.—Greg Hubbard

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