What Do You Think of the State Attorney General’s Decision Regarding Mercury?

PATTY KNAGGS
Hazeltine National G.C.

“I feel it was a step backwards in our progress to find safe, effective pesticides. It allows some people the luxury of relying on the tried and true. It discourages us from opening our minds to new solutions to old problems.”

TIM O’DRISCOLL
Woodhill C.C.

“With the banning of mercury as a fungicide, our industry will be finding other means of Snowmold control as well as our interest in protecting the environment. IPM may be one such method used.”

JEFF BACKSTROM
Cannon G.C.

“I think the ban on mercury was in the best interest of all people. We as superintendents need to communicate to our superiors and membership the possible effects of Snowmold damage without mercury use. There are other products available to us which give good control of Snowmold with much less health hazard concerns.

We also need to be aware of future legislation concerning the use of pesticides on our golf courses. With cities being able to develop ordinances on pesticide use, we need to get involved and communicate with our lawmakers to express our concerns.”

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