From Golfdom!

The Federal Environmental Protection Agency has announced that its pesticide applicator certification deadline may be extended past October of next year.

The EPA has told the House Agricultural Committee, "If in late 1975 or early 1976 we are significantly behind schedule, it may be advisable to request an appropriate delay in time."

Editors note — Does anyone doubt that we will definitely have the October 76 deadline extended?

Presidents Message

This has been a season that many of us will long remember and most likely never forget. We have heard the same story from many sections of the country — heavy continuous rains, and then high temperatures coupled with high humidity and goodbye golf course turf. Disease incidence has been at an all time high, wet wilt, sunscald, etc., etc., etc., we could go on and on with the many problems that have confronted many superintendents for the past several weeks. Now hopefully the breaks will come with the advent of the fall season. I for one, when summer problems occur, like to look back a few years to the words spoken by a few of our Mid-Atlantic superintendents — gentlemen who have passed on to the evergreen pastures, Jim Reid, Frank Dunlop, and Carroll Hitchcock—and these men all said the same thing, "When August 15 rolls around you have it made, nights are becoming longer and temperatures begin backing down." For many years now I have found this to be fact, especially in the Baltimore-Washington area. Cheer up fellows, get out the big guns and be ready to make your move the day after Labor Day.

Alex Watson

"Summer is what we wait for all year, complain about when it arrives, and wonder where it went after it's gone."

Anon

From the Hudson Valley

Foreground Newsletter

Editor Bill Smart writes of New York's Hudson Valley Weather . . . "The heat and humidity, combined with record rain, has all the courses here about looking like manicured swamps, smelling like wet diapers and with disease that must be making record sales for the chemical peddlers. Last week I had brown patch, dollar spot, helmuth, fairy ring, pythium and frog eye all active on fairways—not to mention both wet and dry wilt, golf car damage, snot spots, possible dung beetle (yes they are active again in the valley and on Long Island) and damage I can't even identify but just call it, 'That shit working on number twelve,' All in all a year to make you very humble."

Editor's note: Their "dung Beetle" is the name used for ATAENIUS SPRETULUS