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NEWS FROM INDUSTRY

For the superintendents who have had problems with 2, 4-D's high volatility causing injury to nearby plants, a new non-volatile form has been approved by EPA. The product is in the form of crystals which go into solution readily and stay in solution. One of the big advantages is that spraying equipment can be easily washed out and used for other purposes. One of the four general categories that the product can be used in is recreation areas, which are parks, golf courses and landscaped areas open to the public. As of this writing, it is not known if the product DEFY has been cleared for use in California. REL

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Look for a knock-down drag-out over Senate Bill 670. This bill is an attempt to transfer responsibility for pesticide programs from the Food and Agriculture Department to the Health Department. At the recent Ag commissioners annual meeting it was found it was thumbs down as is the Food and Ag Department on this bill.

If Senate Bill 670 should pass, I wonder how many more regulations it will bring to our industry. REL

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