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EPA Announces Action on Cadmium

Use of cadmium in the environment has been prohibited under a Federal Regulatory Order announced August 10 by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The sole exception to this Regulatory Order allows use of cadmium fungicides on golf course greens and tees under certain circumstances.

Specifically, cadmium use will be allowed on greens and tees only with a "mini-boom" sprayer, and applicators must wear protective clothing during mixing, loading and application of the product. Homeowners, turfgrass managers and other users of cadmium fungicides will be forced to seek alternative materials for the control of fungi on turfgrass. Additionally, use of cadmium on fairways and other golf course areas, except greens and tees, is prohibited.

The decision to exempt golf course greens and tees relies in part on information provided through the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's Government Relations Program. In May, members of the EPA Review Team were given a demonstration of the "mini-boom" sprayer at the Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland.

Originally, EPA proposed cancellation of all pesticidal cadmium use. However, as the EPA announcement noted: "At the time of the proposed cancellation, EPA assumed that cadmium was applied on golf course greens and tee areas with hand-held sprayers only. Since that time, the agency has received new information indicating that most golf course applicators use power-spray equipment, such as mini-boom sprayers."

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