

**"GCSAA/HALL-KIMBRELL
COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM"**
GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION IN A COMPLEX
WORLD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

President George Bush has been emphatic in challenging his newly appointed environmental leaders to "chart a course of environmental activism." Bush indicated recently that he was not only interested in pressing civil suits, but that criminal prosecutions would be a part of his drive to clean up the environment.

Golf Course Superintendents, as a group, have long recognized the seriousness of the health and environmental issues associated with modern golf course operations. The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, however, has recognized the need to take aggressive measures to stay ahead of the wave of environmental concern.

This program provides golf course superintendents a means to identify areas of operations affected by environmental regulations and identify changes that should be implemented to achieve compliance.

The self-audit package gives superintendents a unique opportunity to act on their own. If a regulatory agency was to evaluate the same issues, violations would be reported and dealt with through legal channels. The self audit allows superintendents to evaluate their practices on their own and make modifications accordingly.

Completion of the self audit generally requires about eight hours of a superintendent's time. The answer booklet is forwarded to Hall-Kimbrell, where it is scanned by a computer to summarize and sort the data provided by the superintendent.

The response report not only tells superintendents if they are in compliance, it also helps them evaluate procedures and management practices.

The self-audit and regulatory compliance efforts are not a "one-shot" effort. Existing regulations are often modified and stress periodic review of management practices as new regulations continue to be introduced.

The entire program and its follow-up mechanisms are designed to help superintendents become better managers. For more information or details on ordering the

self-audit package, contact the GCSAA Membership Department.

SUPERINTENDENTS BEWARE

SITE SPECIFIC, WRITTEN PESTICIDE USE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE REQUIRED

In accordance with the State Food and Agricultural Code; golf courses, parks, cemeteries, and other similar areas are considered agricultural use, and as such, require that written recommendations be made for all pesticide uses.

What is a pesticide? The regulations define a pesticide as any fungicide, insecticide, spray adjuvant, disinfectant, rodenticide, herbicide, algicide, fumigant, or growth regulator, irregardless of whether they are restricted, or not.

What is a written recommendation? The regulations state that it be a site specific, PCA signed document, that has 13 required pieces of information. Those 13 informational areas are:

- 1.Owner or operator of the property or site
 - 2.Location of the property or site
 - 3.Commodity, or crop to be treated
 - 4.Total acreage or units to be treated
 - 5.Identification of the pest or pests to be treated
 - 6.Name of each pesticide recommended
 - 7.Dosage rate per acre or other unit
 - 8.Suggested schedule, time, or conditions, including label restrictions
 - 9.Safety intervals and posting requirements
 - 10.Warning of the possibility of damages by the application from hazards that are known to exist, including possible damage to nearby crops, livestock, residence areas, schools, water, bees, wildlife, etc.
 - 11.Signature and address of the person making the recommendation the date, and name of employer, if any.
 - 12.The criteria used for determining the need for the recommendation
 - 13.Certification that alternatives and non measures that would lessen any significant impact on the environment have been considered and , if feasible, adopted
- Who is qualified to make these writtn recommendations?

- 1.A state licensed Pest Control Advisor of PCA
- 2.The owner of the property or site

These regulations have been in effecct over several years. Why they have not been enforced, in most cases, is anybodies guess, but the regulations are there and enforcement is coming. Monetary fines will be levied if compliance is not achieved. Require your pesticide suppliers to be licesed PCA's and that written recommendations be made on all your pesticed uses.

BE SAFE NOT SORRY