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GCSAA'S NATIONAL STUDY OF GOLF COURSES CONTINUES PHASE FOUR TO EXAMINE PESTICIDE USE

GCSAA has announced that beginning in January 2008 it will conduct a national survey of golf courses focusing on pesticide use.

The survey is part of a multi-year, first-of-its-kind project being undertaken by GCSAA that will evaluate the environmental performance of golf courses. To date, GCSAA member and non-member superintendents have participated in three phases of the survey focusing on the physical profile of a golf facility; water use and conservation; and nutrient (fertilizer) use. The last phase of the survey to be issued in 2009 will examine maintenance practices on golf courses. The entire data set will establish a baseline for comparison when the surveys are replicated in the future.

The pesticide survey will be conducted January 8th through March 15th. As in the past, those superintendents with an e-mail address registered with GCSAA will receive an invitation to participate online. The others will be contacted via regular mail with a hard-copy survey or instructions on how to complete it online. Input will be sought on product use and integrated plant management programs. Funding for the first four phases have come from The Environmental Institute for Golf, thanks in part to a grant from The Toro Foundation.

"We are appreciative of the participation we have received in the first three phases," GCSAA Director of Research

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