Eron Invents Aerator and Water Treatment Device

A prototype of an aerator and water treatment device is being developed by Robert E. Eron, Eronventions, St. Petersburg, Florida. The new machine provides a highly efficient transfer of oxygen or other chemicals to polluted water.

According to Eron, the aerator has, within its closed exchange chamber, a specially designed impeller located at the upper end of the water intake tube. The impeller slings finely divided water outwardly with considerable and controlled turbulence. Thus, the interfacial exposure of the water is increased.

Eron told WEEDS TREES and TURF the aerator floats on the water surface. The unit weight is less than 200 pounds and the unique design allows for only one moving part. It is powered by storage battery.

One aim of the aerator is to utilize the chamber of the device to build up a pressure head of treated water, says the inventor. This allows the pressure differential to force the (continued on page 39)

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treated water down to the bottom of the water. This feature can permit the unit's use in treating sewage and industrial wastes.
The aerator can also be used in mixing and adding concentrated chemicals to water. An applicator can apply chlorine, bactericides, herbicides, and medications through the aerator thus insuring a good mixture and safe dilution.
Eron says that the aerator is useful in applying gases to liquids without polluting the air environment.

Canada Thistle Threat To Green Industry

Canada thistle, one of the most serious weeds in the midwest is a problem to farmers, nurserymen and industry alike. Many utility line, rail and highway rights-of-way and other noncropland are contaminated with this problem weed.
Canada thistle is a perennial plant and spreads by seed and a vigorous root system. It's difficult to control by chemical and cultural methods.
Amitrole, a good herbicide for controlling Canada thistle, can still be used on non-cropland, says Edward Stroube, extension agronomist at Ohio State University. It should be applied before the thistles reach the bloom stage for best control.
Picloram (Tordon) is an excellent material for thistle control on non-cropland and can be applied anytime there is green foliage on the thistle plants. Tordon should not be used near desirable trees or shrubs nor near a water supply, Dr. Stroube cautions.

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