ENDANGERED LABELING...Chemical producers should realize by now that quick action on an EPA judgment is sometimes folly. Such is the case with endangered species labeling. Since it has become unlikely the endangered species program will be in place by this September, the EPA is issuing three options, according to a report in Pesticide & Toxic Chemical News. First, products already with new labels can be used until the product is gone. Second, stickers can be placed over language required by PR notices 87-4 and 87-5. Third, use labeling approved prior to issuance of those to PR notices. Stay tuned.

IT COULD HAPPEN...Fire can devastate a maintenance operation, as Scott Wallace, superintendent at Waveland Golf Course, in DesMoines, Iowa knows. After it happened to him, he learned some valuable lessons. His advice: store equipment and chemicals in separate areas...keep a good inventory, especially all equipment receipts for anything you still use...keep records in two different areas.

CONGRATULATIONS...to Dr. Eliot Roberts, executive director of the Lawn Institute. Roberts received the Iowa Turfgrass Institute’s Meritorious Service Award. Roberts started some of the first research plots at Iowa State University.

PRUDENT PRUNING...Be careful when you prune wild cherry or black locust trees near a pasture. The branches are poisonous to animals which eat them, says John Mead, extension agent at Rutgers University’s Cook College. According to Mead, the branches become more dangerous as they dry out.

REINCO CONSOLIDATES...Reinco, Inc. a New Jersey-based manufacturer of hydrograsses and power mulchers, has announced the dissolution of its 20-year-old sister company, Grass Growers, Inc. Grass Growers produced Terra Tack tackifier used to minimize erosion. Information on the availability of Terra Tack trademark can be obtained by calling 800-526-7667.

SHRINKING POOL...The labor pool for young adults is shrinking—not a good sign for service-oriented industries like lawn and tree care and landscaping. According to National Arborist Association executive director Bob Felix, there will be 24 million 18- to 24-year-olds entering the job market in 1990. This compares with 30 million who entered in 1980. Competition for these people will be intense; Felix believes that the green industry should be prepared to pay for its share of the market.