The Supreme Court decision, which ruled that states and local communities across the country had the right to draft and pass their own pesticide laws, resulted in the National Agricultural Chemicals Association's (NACA) prime mover. The National Agricultural Chemicals Association (NACA) was its prime mover.

Individual associations on the membership roster of the CSPP include NACA, the United States Chamber of Commerce, the Professional Lawn Care Association of America, the National Pest Control Association, the Chemical Manufacturers Association, the Chemical Specialty Manufacturer's Association, the Chemical Producers and Distributors Association, and Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment (RISE).

One of the most organized and influential groups in the green industry—the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA)—is not on the CSPP's membership roster, but could be in the future. At the GCSAA's quarterly Board of Directors meeting later this month, involvement with CSPP is an agenda item. Already, help has been offered to lawn care operators in Missoula, Mont., and other areas where local regulations have become stifling to business.

According to CSPP members, the organization's primary purposes are two-fold: 1) to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) to provide clear language on pre-emption of local regulations; and 2) to work at the state level to provide clear language on pre-emption of local regulations.

"The bulk of the work is yet to come," notes Steve Russell, assistant general counsel to NACA. "We have, however, drafted technical amendments to FIFRA which we feel will go a long way in clearing things up."

If you have heard rumblings in your community about possible local pesticide legislation, you are urged to write the National Pest Control Association's Government Affairs Dept., 8100 Oak St., Dunn Loring, VA 2202, or fax messages to (703) 204-2271.

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