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EPA REGULATIONS COULD SHUT DOWN CLUBS

Proposed EPA generic standards and regulations controlling the reentry of workers and others could force the closing of golf courses for a minimum of two days, and for as much as a week, after the application of pesticides and herbicides.

According to the EPA, limitations on entering treated areas will be established as follows:

1. Where labels on the chemicals bear the words, "Danger, Poison, and the Skull and Crossbones symbol" the period before reentry will be three days. Such chemicals will be defined as "Highly Toxic."
2. Labels with the word, "Warning" will be categorized as "Moderately Toxic" and reentry to treated areas will be restricted to 2 days.
3. Chemicals with labels bearing the word, "Caution" will be classified as "Slightly Toxic" and entry to treated areas will be permitted only after inspection shows that all dust has settled and all spray has dried.
4. Some pesticides, under ill-defined circumstances have been implicated as being especially dangerous in certain parts of the country. Reentry into fields treated with these will be permitted only after 5 days.

The proposed regulations will permit early reentry into any restricted area only if protective clothing is worn by the person or persons in the area. The minimum protection allowed for class 2 and 3 chemicals is "a coverall of closely woven material, normal footwear to cover the entire foot and an approved respirator." Classes 1 or 4 will require "an impermeable garment to cover the entire body, hat, natural rubber gloves, impermeable shoe coverings, and goggles or a face shield and an approved respirator."

While these proposed regulations do not single out golf courses, other soon-to-be-issued regulations dealing with the certification of applicators make specific reference to "turf". At the forthcoming hearings NCA will seek to clarify references and establish specific standards for golf courses.

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On January 23rd, 1974, the Midwest Golf Course Superintendents were saddened by the death of Ira W. Jury, retired superintendent from Forest Hills Country Club, Rockford, Illinois. Ira was one of our long-time devoted superintendents. He will be missed by his many friends. Our deepest sympathy to the entire Jury family.

Our January meeting was held at King's Palace in Lisle, Ill. It was well attended. Seventy-four members enjoyed a wonderful dinner. The highlight of the evening was the educational part. Jim Latham from the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission was in the spotlight and showed a moving picture of some of the past and present methods used in maintaining a golf course.



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