

EPA well study hints that water problems are site-specific

To the editor:

Results of the Environmental Protection Agency's Phase II Report for its National Water Well Survey adds to the mounting evidence that water quality problems are based on numerous site-specific factors.

Legislative attempts to remedy water quality problems, therefore, must allow for site-specific solutions with input from local experts.

The Phase II report is an attempt to analyze factors that can be used as predictors of water quality problems.

The report concluded that no single set of factors can be used to determine the incidence of water quality problems across the country. Rather, each particular problem site was the result of a combination of different factors.

EPA's multi-year study has disproven two widely held fallacies. It is clear there is no national water quality problem, and a simple reduction in fertilizer use will have little if any effect on reducing water pollution.

The results are consistent with EPA's Phase I report showing limited, site-specific water quality problems and with USDA's report of October, 1991 concluding that nitrate occurrence in U.S. waters is a limited, site-specific problem.

This data has at least two important uses.

First, it is important for EPA to consider as it goes about the process of approving state coastal zone management plans.

Second, it is vitally important for Congress to resist mandating national water policies in the Clean Water Act and instead provide flexibility for site-specific solutions."

Farmers, dealers and other crop advisors must be given the flexibility to use a variety of management practices based on local factors such as soil type, topography, geology, and climate.

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Brothers buy Centeron GC

CENTERTON, N.J. — The Centeron Golf Club, an 18-hole course built in 1964 by Ed Carman, has been sold to six brothers making up Centeron Golf Associates.

The club will remain public and membership fees will be the same, at least for a few months. Greg Matteo of Blackwood, a partner, said plans include the addition of an 15-acre driving range and improvements to the greens and fairways.

UCal document substantiates construction claim

To the editor:

Thank you for your kind, candid, and factual presentation in the February issue of *Golf Course News* of a green construction method that we have successfully used for years, but has been generally misunderstood and consequently berated. But recently I found a University of California publication titled "The Sand Putting Green: Construction and Management," written by Professors Davis, Paul and Bowman, that precisely matches the method that I saw evolve in the field from the building of thousands of putting greens. I believe the publication

date of the California booklet was January 1990 and is available for \$7.50 from:

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Keep up the good work of providing much needed, and sometimes controversial, information to the turf and golf course industry.

Sincerely,
Michael J. Hurdzan
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Columbus, Ohio

Kenneth Hunter an asset to the golf industry

To the editor:

The article in your January issue, "Toxic waste owner wants course built on waste site," was inaccurate and counter-productive to the golf industry.

It is important to note that Ken Hunter Jr. is a key figure in golf course development on the West Coast.

One of his creations, Sandpiper Golf Course, is rated by *Golf Digest* as one of the best 25 public courses in America.

His La Purisima Golf Course has been rated the #2 best public course in California by *California Golf*

magazine. He has been involved in the development of at least five public courses in California.

He is a man of integrity with a habit of excellence in all of his endeavors, including environmental concerns.

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