

RISE honored for successful lobbying effort in Montana

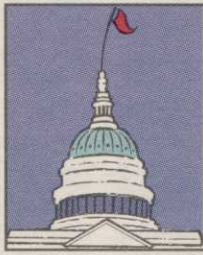
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — For lobbying groups, the ultimate compliment is a desired change in legislation. The next best thing is peer recognition.

Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment (RISE), a lobbying group representing the chemical pesticide industry, garnered its share of praise during 1992. Under the leadership of Executive Director Allen James, RISE has earned an Award of Excellence certificate in Government

Relations from the American Society of Association Executives for its efforts in defeating the Missoula, Mont. posting notification ordinance.

Missoula was the first city to propose an ordinance requiring sprayers to notify local residents about the pesticides being used within city limits. Just two weeks before the referendum, RISE officials went



to Montana and organized local pesticide firms.

After a battle with the Montana Public Interest Group over public opinion, voters shot down the ordinance, 57 percent to 43 percent.

"We found the particular ballot initiative to be one that the public did not understand," James told the *Legal Times*, a newspaper covering law and lobbying in the nation's capi-

tal. "So we built a coalition and helped educate the members of the coalition on the points. They in turn developed a local campaign to educate the public about the real issues."

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Before turning our attention from Capital Hill, take note of **Congressman Gary Studds' (D-Mass.) plans to introduce tax legislation in the 103rd Congress that would have a severe impact on pesticide applicators.**

Studds wants to establish a National Clean Water Investment Corp., whose purpose would be to fund state and local municipal sewage treatment plant construction and other clean water projects. Studds would finance this corporation with \$3 billion worth of taxes on "polluters."

According to the Washington-based Fertilizer Institute, \$2 billion would be assessed each year on wastewater discharges from industrial facilities. A full \$1 billion would be extracted annually from those who use pesticides and commercial fertilizer.

While the above proposal would greatly affect farmers, it would also take its toll on the golf industry. The Fertilizer Institute estimates that Studds' proposal, if passed, would result in a tax rate of 47 cents per pound of active ingredient in pesticides and a minimum of 1.7 cents per nutrient pound of nitrogen and phosphate fertilizer.

Stay tuned.

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A RISE meeting scheduled for early January has been rescheduled for early February. **The EPA Lawn Care Pesticide Advisory Committee meeting originally set for Jan. 6-7, has been rescheduled for Feb. 10-11, in Baltimore, Md.** For more information, call Elizabeth Lawder at the RISE office, 202-872-3860; or the EPA conference facilitator, Marilyn Millane, at 703-684-5588.

Hydroturf now serving Florida

FITZGERALD, Ga. — Hydroturf, a Fitzgerald-based water injection turf aeration specialist, has announced expansion of its HydroJect service into Florida. Superintendents in the Sunshine State will be able to contract Toro HydroJect 3000 service through Hydroturf.

"Our service allows three or four contract aerifications annually, thus freeing capital for other, more frequently used equipment," said Hydroturf President Chris McIntyre. Hydroturf will continue to operate out of its Atlanta and Fitzgerald offices. The Atlanta office can be reached by calling 404-406-1494, while the Fitzgerald location can be reached at 912-423-6509.

TATS joins the sports turf market

LUBBOCK, Texas — TransAmerican Technical Services, Inc., a new technical company, plans to serve the sports turf industry's needs for recent advancements in golf green soil building technology. Jerry Good is president.

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