

She's Gone

BUT RUMOR HAD IT THAT WHITMAN WAS ON HER WAY OUT OF EPA

It's no surprise that Christine Todd Whitman is out as administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Whitman turned in her resignation to President Bush in May.

Rumors were swirling last winter that Whitman would be the first Bush cabinet member to resign. A moderate Republican appointee who was supposed to enforce environmental laws, Whitman found herself at odds with the Bush Administration's tendency to lean toward regulations that benefit industry, according to reports.

Whitman said in her resignation letter that she was leaving to "spend time with her family."

"As rewarding as the past two-and-a-half years have been for me profes-

sionally, it is time to return to my home and husband in New Jersey, which I love just as you do your home state of Texas," Whitman wrote Bush.

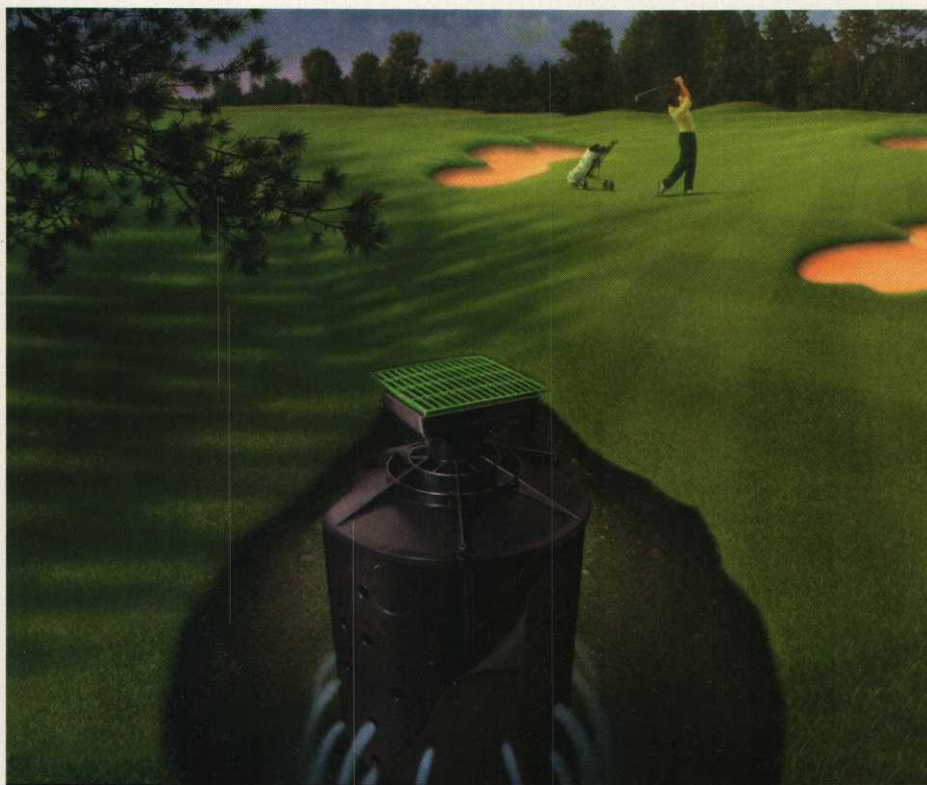
The former New Jersey governor's last day was June 27.

Whitman was a keynote speaker last year at the fourth National Golf & Environment Summit in Nebraska City, Neb. She told *Golfdom* then that the golf industry was becoming more important on EPA's priority list, but ranked "way below" the agricultural industry.

"Golf is rapidly getting close to baseball as the national pastime," Whitman said. "With more courses being built, we need to understand that we all have a role in helping the environment."

Christine Todd Whitman teed it up last summer at ArborLinks GC during the National Golf & Environment Summit, where she was a keynote speaker.

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