

Environmental Checklist—

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Pesticide Mixing/Loading Area

Do you monitor the soil in the area used for mixing and loading the pesticides? It may be advisable to conduct soil testing for pesticide and nitrate residues in the mixing area. EPA will most likely start testing these areas at golf courses and in similar agricultural settings in the near future. In addition, mixing/loading pads will probably be required for golf course operations by 1994.

Superintendents should start gathering information now and figuring the costs of such pads into future budgets. Some states, such as Iowa, already have mixing/loading pad requirements in effect.

Water Protection

Do you regularly test your ponds for pesticide and nitrate contamination? Some states now require the testing of golf course ponds. Testing is one way to reassure concerned citizens that your golf course is not polluting water sources. (Some ponds drain into streams that eventually leave the golf course.)

It is extremely important to protect streams or water bodies that eventually flow into potable water sources. In Texas, for instance, there are hefty fines for those who pollute tributaries of water bodies used for drinking water supplies.

Do you have emergency procedures in place to protect water sources in case you have a pesticide spill? Workers should be trained on how to contain chemical spills, and a supply of absorbent packets should be on hand.

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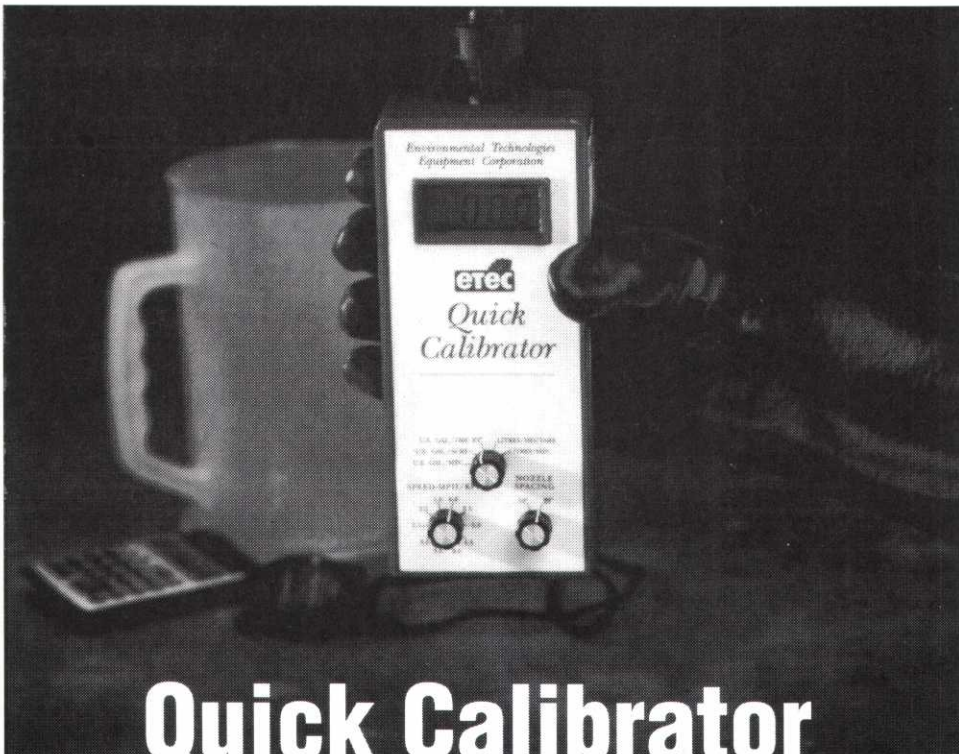
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