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MOEE Delays Implementation of Pesticide Licensing Changes

The Ministry of Environment and Energy has postponed the implementation of the proposed changes to the pesticide licensing system. These changes were to be phased in beginning January, 1996. The Ministry is considering comments they have received under the public consultation which is required by the new Environment Bill of Rights.

Sports Turf Association Office Hours

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Season's Greetings

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe another year has almost come to an end. The Board of Directors and Executive Secretary of the Sports Turf Association extend their best wishes to all members for a joyous Christmas Season and a Happy New Year.

The year 1995 was another successful and positive year for the Association. The membership rose steadily throughout the year as more and more people joined us in spreading the good news about Better, Safer Sports Turf. It was a year in which we participated in hosting another very successful Ontario Turfgrass Symposium in Guelph, sponsored an informative Field Day in Hamilton, and continued our commitment to education by presenting two scholarships to two graduates from the University of Guelph's Turf Managers Short Course.

Largely through the efforts of our Editor we continue to provide members with one of the foremost newsletters in the turf industry, the *Sports Turf Manager*. Our newsletter is quickly becoming nationally acclaimed. The year 1995 saw Mrs. Sonja Schneider join the Association as our Executive Secretary. She has put forth a splendid effort in a very short period of time in running the office and



taking care of all administration details of the Association.

If you have not registered for the Ontario Turfgrass Symposium at the Regal Constellation in Toronto, January 3-5, 1996, do it soon. It promise to be another excellent conference with renowned turf expert, Dr. James Watson as the keynote speaker. Please join us at the STA Annual Meeting and Breakfast on January 4, commencing at 7:00 a.m. Come out and enjoy this complimentary breakfast and network with other members. I look forward to seeing many of you at the conference.

On behalf of the STA I wish everyone a happy, healthy Christmas season and much prosperity in the New Year.

Christopher Mark
President

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