



# Letters

## Safety on the Job

Dear Mrs Schneider,

Further to our conversation, I am enclosing a copy of a letter which we have written to all our customers concerning the Department of Labour requirement as set out in the Occupational Health and Safety Act with regard to any self-propelled vehicle weighing over 1500lbs, or having a rating of more than 20hp. This legislation dictates that equipment as described above must be equipped with a ROPS (Roll Over Protection Structure) assembly and seat belt accessories.

We have contacted the Ontario Golf Superintendents Association, Landscape Ontario and other provincial turf agencies with a view to have them include an article on this most important legislation. We believe that information concerning this matter would be of prime interest to the readership of *Sports Turf Manager*.

We are enclosing a copy of the legislation and we believe that, with the material we have provided, there may be sufficient information for an article. If we can be of any help to you, please call us.

Yours very truly,

R. N. Duke, President

G. C. Duke Equipment Ltd.

*Editors note: We thank Richard Duke for drawing this info to the attention of our readers. While the legislation is not new, there are still many people out there who are not*

*aware of it or who are not conforming. In the summer months many young people are asked to operate these machines with very little background experience or on the job training. It is the responsibility of your organization, as an employer, to ensure that any equipment in your fleet conforms to the Act.*

## Ecolite: An International Success Story

Hello Sonja,

This letter is in regard to the information on Ecolite usage received from Dr. Brian Holl who heads up the Pacific Turfgrass Research Program (see Guest Editorial, page 4). Dr. Holl's report supports the Sports Turf Association's commitment to producing better activity fields while reducing overall maintenance costs.

The use of Ecolite is also a sound environmental commitment. Sand based fields with 10% Ecolite in the top 6 inches of profile will produce less than 2% leachate.

This Canadian story reconfirms the success stories we are receiving from all over the U.S.; however, we never anticipated that the functionality of this mineral would be changed by longitude or latitude.

This natural mineral has been used in agriculture in other countries for over a hundred years. Your readership might enjoy reading this new information on an extremely old science.

Ron Bruce

Enviro-pure Products Inc.

## Words to Live by ...

Integrity grows as you connect your head with your heart, your heart with your behaviour.

—Blaine N. Lee

Cultivate the habit of attention and try to gain opportunities to hear wise men and women talk. Indifference and inattention are the two most dangerous monsters that you ever meet. Interest and attention will insure you an education.

—Robert A. Millikan

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