

STATE DEVELOPMENTS

More states pass pre-emption bills

The Illinois senate passed a bill (SB 85) that would prohibit local governments from passing any pesticide regulation legislations. The bill would require that "all pesticide regulations, including provisions for the registration, purchase, use, storage, and the disposal be handled by the state Department of Agriculture."

Three other Midwest states (Michigan, Nebraska, and North Dakota) have passed state pre-emption laws recently. Nebraska added a provision that all pesticide applicators within that state must become certified within 60 days of their employment. Two other Midwest states, Iowa and Wisconsin, and the state of Maryland are likely to pass pre-emption laws in 1994.

Ozone alert ban on landscape equipment proposed in DC

The Washington, D.C. area Council of Governments has proposed banning the use of gasoline powered commercial and residential lawn and garden equipment on "ozone alert days." The proposal is part of a plan to get the region to comply with the new federal clean air standards that mandate regional reductions in air pollution by 15% or loss of matching federal highway funding.

The proposed ban would restrict the use by homeowners of residential gasoline powered lawn and garden equipment on days forecast as ozone alerts. Commercial use of equipment would be limited to four out of five alert days. Each company would be assigned a number from one to five—with each alert day assigned a corresponding number. Company's whose assigned number matched the alert day assigned number would be banned from operating their equipment.

The council decided to propose this means of reducing the overall regional air pollution because it felt that the alternative, reducing the emissions from transportation, would be too costly. The Clean Air Act provisions take effect in November, 1996. ■

Thanks for all the calls

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Thanks from all of us. —JH

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NAME	HOTLINE
RCRA/Superfund Hotline	800-424-9346
Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Information Hotline	800-535-0202 (8:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. EST)
EPA Safe Water Drinking Hotline	800-424-4791
EPA Storm Water Hotline	703-821-4616
Disposal of Hazardous Pesticides	800-262-8200
National Pesticides Telecommunications Network	800-858-7378
TSCA Assistance Office	800-424-9065

EPA REGIONAL OFFICES	PHONE	ADDRESS
Region 1 CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT	617-565-4502	JFK Federal Bldg. Boston, MA 02203
Region 2 NJ, NY, Virgin Is., Puerto Rico	212-264-2515	26 Federal Plaza New York, NY 10278
Region 3 DE, MD, PA, VA, WV, DC	215-597-9904	Curtis Bldg., 6th & Walnut Sts. Philadelphia, PA 19106
Region 4 AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN	404-347-3931	345 Courtland St., NE Atlanta, GA 30365
Region 5 IN, IL, MI, MN, OH, WI	312-886-6871	230 So. Dearborn St. Chicago, IL 60604
Region 6 AR, LA, NM, OK, TX	214-655-2270	1201 Elm St. Dallas, TX 75270
Region 7 IO, KS, MO, NE	913-236-2806	324 E. 11th St. Kansas City, MO 64106
Region 8 CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY	303-293-1723	1860 Lincoln St. Denver, CO 80295
Region 9 AR, CA, HA, NV, Am. Samoa, Guam, Pacific Trust Territories, Wake Island	415-974-0577	215 Fremont St. San Francisco, CA 94105
Region 10 AK, ID, OR, WA	206-442-1200	1200 Sixth Ave. Seattle, WA 98101

For information on state and local environmental regulatory issues, call your state department of agriculture or the environment. ■