

What Highway Supervisors Want From Contract Applicators

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their unwarranted fears, has become an important and sizeable requirement in our roadside program.

The areas of management of vegetation along present day thruways, freeways, parkways, turnpikes, and interstate highways are more extensive in width than formerly and must be administered more efficiently.

Thus, from a maintenance

standpoint, it is imperative to fully comprehend this growing giant-in-breadth so necessary to erosion control. Therefore, we must devise new methods of control and improvise on the old, since increased competency in ways and means is the only procedure to extend the overburdened maintenance dollar.

Each individual highway must be designed in a tailored fashion according to the dictates of our surrounding terrain. The construction plans must include not only a complete highway, but,

one possessing the many facets of built-in maintenance.

Experience has taught us that there is no single phase of our roadside development operations that can be termed a "cure-all" for a reduction in mowing costs. It is rather a well-planned combination of:

(1) Planting and mulching; (2) weed control; (3) soil sterilant; (4) contract mowing. This is the type of program we envision in Massachusetts.

U.S. Borax Offers "Maintain"

A new herbicidal formulation designed for use as a multipurpose weedkiller is now being marketed by U. S. Borax & Chemical Corp., Los Angeles, Cal.

Called "Maintain," the new weedkiller is described as a liquid emulsifiable concentrate containing 2 pounds of 2,3,6 trichlorobenzyl-oxypropanol, 1 pound of bromacil, and 0.2 pounds of 2,4-D acid equivalent per gallon.

Dr. L. M. Stahler, herbicide products manager for U.S. Borax, said extensive field tests showed "Maintain" to be a long-lasting, nonselective weedkiller for use where complete control of vegetation is desired, such as playgrounds, fuel storage areas, power transformer stations, industrial yards, railroad yards and general track areas, and along highway shoulders and bridges.

Stahler also says the new herbicide is particularly useful for control of those species which have shown a high degree of resistance to substituted urea and substituted triazine herbicides when applied at maintenance rates. "Rapid initial action and a quick knockdown of existing broadleaf vegetation is obtained at application time. In addition, the formulation has excellent residual effects in the soil," Stahler concluded.

Interested applicators may obtain complete details about this product by writing to U.S. Borax & Chemical Corp., 3075 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90005.

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