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New Insecticide Registration Registration has just been announced for Dow Chemical's Zectran, an insecticide aimed at the spruce budworm and the jack pine budworm. The Federal Forest Service will use the insecticide this summer to replace DDT. Zectran is said to be 20 to 25 times more toxic than DDT to budworm. It has undergone six years of research and field testing in the west by the USDA plus extensive testing during development by Dow.

More \$'s For Pollution Clean-Up A \$350 million package has been made available via the Environmental Protection Agency to step up the attack on water pollution problems. EPA's release emphasizes that most of the money will go to municipalities for both new and past expenses on waste treatment plants. However, the regulations do give priority to critical pollution problems identified by the Administrator. He apparently may, at his discretion, apply some funds for aquatic weed control programs.

IRS Rules On Payment of 'User Taxes' Aerial applicators are subject to the new Airport/Airways Law, Public Law 91-258. In affect, according to an Internal Revenue Service ruling, this makes aerial applicators subject to both the \$25 registration fee and the 2-cent per pound tax on all pounds of maximum certificated take-off weight if the ship weighs more than 2500 pounds. The ruling makes applicators liable during the '70-71 fiscal year. Precise data is available from Farrell Higbee of the National Agricultural Aviation Assn., 1101 - 17th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

DDT Hearings To Resume In Mid-Summer EPA reports that public hearings on federal cancellation of all remaining uses of DDT will begin in mid-summer. A pre-hearing conference was held for 12 formulators in mid-April, and others during May at Little Rock, Ark., and Washington, D.C. Some 42 formulators of DDT products appealed the original cancellation order. EPA expects to have the entire administrative review process for DDT completed by the end of March, 1972.

EPA Announces Organizational Changes Two organizational changes just announced by EPA Administrator William D. Ruckelshaus are worthy of mention. Of primary interest to the industry is creation of the position of Assistant Administrator for Categorical Programs. This assistant administrator, who will be nominated by the President, will assume charge of the Offices of Pesticides, Radiation, and Solid Wastes Programs. The other major change was appointment of Donald M. Mosiman as assistant administrator for Media Programs. Mosiman will head up activities of the Offices of Air and Water Programs. Acting commissioners for these offices in both instances have been eliminated.