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New Look of Pesticide Bill Latest changes in the proposed Environmental Pesticide Control Act of 1971, now in the House Committee on Agriculture, call for two pesticide categories instead of the original three. General use pesticides would be those not considered dangerous to man or the environment and restricted pesticides would be materials highly toxic to man or the environment. New language in the latest copy of the proposed bill would confine use of restricted pesticides to trained applicators or under the immediate supervision of trained applicators. Heavy fines of up to \$25,000 could be leveled at companies and their responsible officials who knowingly violate the law. Farmers could be fined up to \$1,000 and receive 30-day-jail terms. A civil penalty provision could mean a fine of \$5,000 against a firm and \$1,000 against a farmer.

Freeze-Dried Grass Clippings Chemists of the Western Regional Research Service, USDA, Berkeley, Calif., have worked up a way to freeze-dry clippings from lawns, grind them into a meal and make high-quality, nutritive additions for poultry feeds.

New Head For EPA Health Group Dr. Vaun A. Newill, in charge of health-effects research for the Federal air pollution control program since 1968, has been named to manage the health-effects research program of the Environmental Protection Agency. The health-effects effort, with a staff of 350 persons and a budget of \$9 million, is directed at identifying health effects of water and air pollution, solid wastes problems, pesticides, radiation, and noise.

Chemtrec--For Emergencies Members of the Manufacturing Chemists Association have launched a new program to deal with emergencies that might arise during shipment of potentially hazardous chemicals. CHEMTREC, as it is called, is a voluntary effort to provide information to organizations such as police, fire, and other officials who may be dealing with the emergencies. It is being coordinated with the 18-month-old National Agricultural Chemicals Association program called the Pesticide Safety Team Network involving Class B pesticides.

USDA Research Agreement A 2-1/2 year contract with the West Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station, Morgantown, to develop Appalachian plants for landscape use.

Label For Krovar I DuPont has received Federal registration by the Environmental Agency for "Krovar" I weed killer as a general industrial herbicide for non-crop areas. It is a wettable powder designed for highways, railroads, industrial plant sites, and similar non-crop locations. DuPont reports the chemical is formulated to work against a wider range of weeds than bromacil or diuron when used alone, and that it reduces the need for retreatment.