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The Environmental Protection Agency has granted expanded registrations to the Niagara Chemical Division, FMC Corporation for the herbicide Tandex. Clearances now permit treatment of the herbicide to 28 additional vegetation species in either granular or wettable powder formulations. Weeds added to the list include: dogbane, honeysuckle, Johnsongrass, rose, horsetail trumpet vine, spurge, goldenrod, aspen, oak, elm, and others.

The Committee on Toxic Materials and Harmful Physical Agents, a new committee of the American Society for Testing and Materials, has scheduled an organizational meeting in Philadelphia in October. This committee will be responsible for the development of safety and health standards (including test methods, classifications, recommended practices, and definitions) which will be responsive to the requirements of Sections 6 (b) (5), 6 (b) (7) and 8 (c) (3) of Public Law 91-596, the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, for individual or families of toxic materials or harmful physical agents. Watch for this committee to gain wider attention in the news in the future!

At presstime, only seven states were left to sign the memorandum committing them to a cooperative program started by USDA to promote the safe use of pesticides. Primary concern here are the more toxic pesticides, and state agreement to the memorandum provides for planning for precautions to take with each pesticide. After this material is prepared, USDA and the states will adopt these precautions in their pest control programs and undertake informational programs on safe handling procedures. Still to sign the measure are Alabama, Alaska, Connecticut, Iowa, New Jersey, New York, and Vermont.

Mergers and outright purchases for this year are taking place at record pace. Vaughan Jacklin Corporation was formed from Jacklin Seed Co., Inc. and Vaughan's Seed Company; Tenneco, Inc. has been granted approval by the Bank of England to proceed with the acquisition of David Brown Tractors Ltd.; Wayne Manufacturing Co. will become an operating division of FMC Corporation.

The administrative ruling on DDT was not cold yet when EPA Administrator Ruckelshaus fired another cannon at the pesticide industry. The target was aldrin and dieldrin. This time, in a "Determination and Order to Cancel," EPA used scatter shot. While most of the cancellations of aldrin-dieldrin products that relate to the Green Industry were announced March 18 (turf, aerial and ground spraying or dusting of foliage, and others), use of these products as soil toxicants to protect structures were appealed. The Advisory Committee on the matter granted the appeal. In the recent EPA action, nursery dipping of roots and tops of non-food plants were retained. Ruckelshaus is expected to rule soon on the question of suspending other aldrin-dieldrin uses.

The Green Industry regrets the passing of Einar A. Jacobsen, retired Chairman of the Board of Jacobsen Manufacturing Company. Mr. Jacobsen died July 18 at the age of 66. The son of the founder, he joined the company in 1928 following graduation from the University of Wisconsin. He led the company through its greatest sales growth years.