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EPA To Release Pesticide Data The Environmental Protection Agency plan to make available to the public after January 17, 1972 data on the toxicity and efficacy of registered pesticide products. William D. Ruckelshaus, EPA Administrator, says that such information is in the public interest and should be under the Freedom of Information Act. No formulas or trade secrets will be disclosed. Action taken was in response to numerous requests from the public for information about the toxic qualities of pesticide products and their effectiveness.

Tax-Reducing Investment Credit Is Back The Tax Revenue Act of 1971 allows investment credit tax deductions much the same as a few years ago. That means subtracting 7 percent of the value of "qualified investment" in new and, in smaller amounts, used depreciable property. Too detailed to report here. Check Section 38 entitled property of the act.

Atlas and ICI America Inc. Merger It was effective on New Year's Day. ICI America Inc. of Stamford, Conn., merged into Atlas Chemical Industries, Inc. of Wilmington, Del. The combined company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Britain's Imperial Chemical Industries Limited, will be known as ICI America Inc. Headquarters will be in Delaware. Employment about 7,000 persons. Agricultural chemicals division will be centered in Stamford, Conn.

Extended Quarantine Area For Japanese Beetle Additional natural spread of Japanese beetle last year has extended the quarantine area to 21 previously unregulated counties in eight states. Counties in Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, South Carolina and Tennessee are affected.

Dalapon Tolerances Granted Food and Drug Administration has established residue tolerances for dalapon herbicide in meat, milk, eggs and poultry tissue, according to Dow Chemical Company. Tolerances complete conversion of all current registrations for dalapon, sold as Dowpon, from a no residue basis to a tolerance basis to meet new Federal requirements. Also opens the door for additional registrations for the product.

Driver Age Limit Reduced Bureau of Motor Carrier Safety of the Federal Highway Administration has reduced the minimum age limit from 21 to 18 for drivers operating any commercial vehicle weighing 10,000 pounds or less and who are otherwise qualified, without geographic location.