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EPA has set a public hearing for all uses of 2,4,5-T. Date is April, 1974. This means that custom applicators should voice their opinions to their association or organization for representation at this meeting. This long-awaited hearing will largely determine whether this herbicide will be used in the future. Any person or organization wishing to become a party to this hearing must file a response to the statement of issue, which will appear in the Federal Register, with the Hearing Clerk, EPA, Waterside Mall, Washington, D. C. 20460. You've got 30 days to do so after the Federal Register is published.

More on EPA...Regulations and application forms dealing with wastewater discharge permits for agricultural, fishery and forestry activities have been made public. They were required under the 1972 Water Law. Application forms for permits are available from EPA regional offices. \$10 per application. Commercial turfgrass and sod producers who use irrigation with a return flow from 3,000 acres or more are subject to the permit requirement. For more details contact an EPA regional office or check the Federal Register, May 3, 1973.

Associations exist for the accomplishment of individual member goals. They also have the ability to solve difficult problem situations through group action. The American Association of Nurserymen is seeking modification of estate tax laws as they apply to small family businesses. Proposals have been presented to charge an income tax on unrealized appreciation at the time of death. This tax liability could easily knock the foundations out of a business and force a sale at an unfavorable time. AAN favors a portfolio investment approach. Under this arrangement the business could be broken up or subdivided without great harm.

Several popular consumer magazines have recently carried articles about jobsite violence. The Supreme Court ruled in February that the Hobbs Act applies to violence in pursuit of illegal ends. It said nothing about violence that occurs in connection with legitimate union activities. Enter Rep. John B. Anderson (R.-Ill.). He's introduced a bill in Congress to extend the Hobbs anti-racketeering law to any type jobsite violence. His version of the bill will carry penalties up to 20 years in jail for violators. The bill has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

U. S. Department of Labor reports job safety and health inspections increased substantially in May for the third consecutive month. Records were set at the weekly level and the monthly level. Assistant Secretary of Labor and OSHA boss, John H. Stender, said that 3,344 citations alleging 17,213 violations were issued during the month. Proposed penalties totaled \$560,627. Since April 28, 1971 OSHA has made 73,140 inspections resulting in 46,463 citations alleging 232,128 violations with proposed penalties totaling \$6,106,870. The government has collected \$4,052,344 so far.

Mauget Tree Injection Products of Burbank, Calif. has added two new distributors to further extend their sales network. They are: Moore Tree Co., Dallas, Tex. who will operate in the northern Texas area, and Reinder's Turf & Equipment, Elm Grove, Wisc.

Parker Sweeper Company has announced plans to construct a \$1 million manufacturing plant and distribution center near Hattiesburg, Miss. Completion is scheduled for late this year.