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Peter Loft, president of Lofts Pedigreed Seed, Inc., announces the opening of Loft/New York, 4294 Albany St., Albany, New York. Loft/New York will serve the professional and retail trade of the tri-city area with Lofts line of bulk and packaged seed and lawn care products. The new office will also be the packaging headquarters for Lofts new introduction into the retail flower and vegetable small package seed market.

Vaughan Seed Company has become a dealer for Terra Tack, an erosion control binder for hay, straw, and wood fiber mulch. Vaughan, a division of Vaughan/Jacklin Corp., will be stocking Terra Tack from their Bound Brook, New Jersey, Landover, Maryland and Downers Grove, Illinois (home office) divisions.

Metasystox-R Inject-A-Cide Applicators recently received EPA registration for use on seven species of trees to control eleven insect pests. This means that Inject-A-Cide can now be shipped to any of the fifty states as the J.J. Mauget registration is completed in each state.

USDA has informed Velsicol Chemical Corp. that it has intervened in the public hearing of EPA's "notice of intent" to suspend chlordane and heptachlor. USDA will produce some 20 witnesses submitting evidence on the safety, benefit and need for these pesticides, according to Robert M. Morris, president of Velsicol. Included among the witnesses will be agricultural experts, entomologists, and toxicologists who will present data in support of continuing registration for chlordane and heptachlor.

"Our major concern is...that the facts concerning EPA's allegations of 'imminent cancer risks' be scrutinized by unbiased scientists," said Morris. "The emotional scare response to the word 'cancer' cannot be permitted to cloud scientific inquiry and to impede sound scientific judgement of the issue."

EPA recently notified producers, formulators, distributors and registrants of pesticides that applications for supplemental registration by distributors postmarked on or after August 4, 1975 must be submitted on the new EPA Form 8570-5. The Agency says that: (a.) One form must be submitted for each distributor and (b.) The distributor involved must sign the form. It will not, however, be necessary for those distributors with previously accepted registrations to re-apply on the new form.

Carl Reed Gerber has been named Associate Assistant Administrator EPA's Office of Research and Development. In his new post, Gerber will share responsibility with Wilson Talley for the planning, programming, policy implementation, management, direction, and control of technical and administrative aspects of the Research and Development program.