

# Industry News

## EPA establishes new toxic office

EPA Deputy Administrator John R. Quarles has announced the formation of a new office of Toxic Substances, headed by an assistant administrator as authorized by the new Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976.

Quarles said Kenneth L. Johnson, 47, EPA deputy regional administrator in Boston, has been named acting assistant administrator for Toxic Substances.

"We are establishing this office immediately in order to begin a sound and aggressive toxic substances program," Quarles said. He added that the existing Office of Toxic Substances, currently under the assistant administrator for water and hazardous materials, will be transferred to the new assistant administrator's office.

An internal study of the agency will be made to determine if other programs, such as the office of pesticide programs, should be transferred.

## Shell picks name for insecticide

Pydrin has been selected as the name for Shell Chemical Company's new synthetic pyrethroid insecticide.

Formerly designated as SD 43775, the new compound was extensively field tested in all major cotton growing regions of the United States during the 1976 season under an experimental use permit from the Environmental Protection Agency.

This past season, Pydrin (SD 43775) was tested by cooperating cotton growers. Effective control was demonstrated on such important insect pests as the tobacco bud-

worm, cotton bollworm, pink bollworm, cotton leaf perforator and boll weevil.

U.S. patent rights for this pyrethroid compound are held by Sumitomo Chemical Co., LTD. Development in the U.S. is being conducted by Shell under agreements with Sumitomo.

## UC tree book available

"Trees of the Berkeley Campus," one of the most popular publications of the University of California, has been reprinted and is now available to the public.

The publication describes hundreds of trees and shrubs on the Berkeley campus. Latin and common names are given as well as a description and information about each species. It also lists the location of plants by their proximity to buildings and landmarks.

To obtain a copy of "Trees of the Berkeley Campus," send a check or money order for \$5.00 plus sales tax, payable to The Regents of UC, to Agricultural Publications, 1422 South 10th Street, Richmond, California 94804.

## 39 states split forest profits

Checks totaling more than \$49 million have been distributed to 39 states and Puerto Rico as their share of more than \$195 million earned from the sale and use of national forest products and services in the fiscal transition quarter.

The USDA said the \$49,049,338 returned to the states represents 25 percent of the money collected by the forest service from the sale of timber, and from grazing, recreation, minerals, and other land use

charges on national forests between July 1 and Sept. 30 of this year.

## Velsicol continues registration fight

"Despite the disappointing results of Velsicol's appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeal concerning the suspension of certain uses of heptachlor and chlordane, Velsicol intends to continue its efforts to maintain the registrations of these pesticides through further efforts in the courts and the cancellation hearings being held by the EPA," according to Robert M. Morris, company president and chairman.

"We believe that the benefits from the proper use of these insecticides far outweigh any risk of exposure to man," said Morris, "and we will continue to support our belief and experience with these products."

## U.S. receives Bonsai trees

Fifty three rare bonsai plants have been presented to the American people by the Japanese government to commemorate the United States Bicentennial. The collection, which includes one specimen 350 years old, was described as an "extraordinary gift" by former Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz at the dedication ceremony in Washington. The plants were presented by the Nippon Bonsai Association in Tokyo. Some were donated by private sources, including the Japanese Royal Family, and others were purchased by the Japan Foundation.