

GOVERNMENT

UPDATE

EPA returns generic name proposals

The Environmental Protection Agency has returned approximately 1000 forms submitted by industries proposing generic names which the firms wished to declare confidential. In rejecting the forms, the EPA admits that the generic name criteria document was late and that many forms had been submitted before it was available. However, EPA maintains, industry could have made a much better initial effort on its own to provide names which represented a balance between legitimate confidentiality and serving the public interest by identifying basic structure.

ACSH forms to counter "cancerphobia"

The American Council on Science and Health is a newly formed "association of concerned scientists who are alarmed that chemical and cancerphobia has damaged this country and unless arrested will damage it even more," according to Executive Director Dr. Elizabeth M. Whelan. Whelan stated that the council will provide information "based on the classic scientific method, following the standard guideline which compares benefit and risk"

The council will issue position papers, consisting of a detailed technical report prepared for the scientific community and a summary report written for a more general audience. One of the first papers, to be issued this fall, will deal with cancer in New Jersey.

Landscape Contractor News

NLA announces landscape award winners

The National Landscape Association has announced the winners of their Eighth Annual Residential Landscape Award Program. Entries were judged on the basis of excellence, as well as practicality of design, selection of plants and materials, execution of the installation, and maintenance of the project.

Awards were presented for single family residences: designed and installed in Atlanta, GA, by Green Brothers Landscape Company, Smyrna, GA; designed and installed in Wilmington, DE, by J. Franklin Styer Nurseries, Concordville, PA; designed by John N. Vogley, Oakland, CA, and installed in Orinda, CA, by T. M. T. Company, Lafayette, CA; designed by Wirth Associates, Billings, MT, and installed in Cody, WY, by Matz Landscaping, Billings, MT.

Awards for active use area for family residence included: two awards for residences in Freeport and Atlantic Beach, NY, designed and installed by Atlantic Nursery, Garden Shop and Landscape Company, Freeport, NY; and an award to a design and installation in Lafayette, IN, by Frits Loonsten, Indianapolis, IN.

An award for passive use area of single family residence was presented for design and installation in Manhasset, NY, by Atlantic Nursery, Garden Shop & Landscape Co., Manhasset, NY.

AQUATIC

APMS fights weeds on international level

Speakers from 16 states and four foreign countries provided over 60 topics for 306 registrants at the Aquatic Plant Management Society's 18th annual meeting in Orlando, Florida in July. Officials from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), Chemical Companies, British Columbia Ministry of the Environment, University of Khartoum in Sudan, Australia, the Instituto De Investigaciones Sobre Recursos Bioticos in Mexico, and the Panama Canal Zone presented their battle plans in the war against aquatic weeds.

The white amur is now allowed in Florida waters. However, it is being restricted to private, landlocked lakes of 25 acres or less. Out of 125 requests for use of the white amur, 21 have been turned down, and only four accepted so far.

Another fish that promises biological control is the *Tilapia zillii*. Tilapia are native to Africa and the Middle East and have been introduced in California and Arizona in substantial numbers. It is sold in California grocery stores as "nile perch"

New officers were elected at the meeting. The new president is Julian J. Raynes, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Atlanta, Georgia. He took over the gavel from Donald V. Lee, Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries, Baton Rouge.

William N. Rushing, USACE, Vicksburg, Mississippi, is the new president-elect. Al Burkhalter, Florida Department of Natural Resources, took over as treasurer. Two new directors were also elected: Leon Bates, TVA, and Max McCowen, Lilly Research Laboratories, Greenfield, Indiana.

Bill Haller took over responsibilities as editor of the society's journal. Anyone wishing a paper published should contact him in the Department of Agronomy, University of Florida, Gainesville, 32611.

The 1979 meeting will be held at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, July 15-18.