

GOVERNMENT

UPDATE

Topsin M beats Tersan through RPAR

The Environmental Protection Agency has determined that Topsin M (thiophanate-methyl) needs no additional restrictions currently, although EPA is still pushing for some new restrictions for Tersan 1991's active ingredient benomyl. Both chemicals were in the process known as rebuttable presumption against registration.

EPA is leaning toward an extra warning on the benomyl label and use only in water soluble packets. It also wants more testing of benomyl. Du Pont argues that many users of benomyl can't use water soluble packages for time and equipment reasons.

Topsin M's active ingredient, thiophanate-methyl, has made it through the RPAR process without additional requirements or restrictions. EPA, however, is still checking risks of a metabolite of thiophanate-methyl.

The two products are in the same chemical family and have many of the same uses. Tersan 1991 is labelled for Fusarium, dollar spot, stripe smut, and brown patch. Topsin M, a Pennwalt product, is labelled for dollar spot, Fusarium, stripe smut, and brown patch.

AAN continues fight for chlordane

The American Association of Nurserymen is trying to obtain an extension to a 1978 agreement with EPA to provide chlordane for specific nursery uses through 1979. The uses are those necessary to meet state and federal quarantines for Japanese beetle, fire ant, and black vine weevil on nursery plants. AAN is currently working with USDA for the extension.

and sizes of plant material on his 814 acre nursery. His plant catalogs were often used as reference manuals by horticulture students and landscape contractors in the area around Cleveland. Kohankie received many honors in his life, including life membership in International Society of Arboriculture.

Charles McFee, Jr., was executive-secretary of the Virginia Nurserymen's Association. McFee provided Virginia Nurserymen with valuable direction and management training. VNA president Ralph Hanna, Jr., said McFee has been a sincere friend to all nurserymen in and outside of Virginia.

TREES

Tailgate safety program introduced by NAA

The National Arborist Association has developed and now offers a 33-lesson tailgate safety training program, based upon standards established by the American National Standards Institute in cooperation with NAA.

The program is designed to provide weekly training programs for employees in the field. Each lesson takes 15 to 20 minutes and includes an employee sign up sheet to show that each employee received the training. Safe use of every piece of tree equipment and job site precautions and marking are included in the lessons.

The programs are now available from NAA, 3537 Stratford Rd., Wampanoag, New York 11793, 516-221-3082.

Larry Holkenborg, president of NAA gave the first lesson of the series to his crew in Sandusky in October.



National Arborist Association executive secretary Bob Felix (left) presents first copy of the Tailgate Safety Training Program to NAA President Larry Holkenborg at Holkenborg's business in Sandusky, OH. Holkenborg gives the first lesson to his crew (bottom right). One key of the program is the crew member signs a sheet saying he completed each session (bottom left).

