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Reagan makes environment priority for election year

President Reagan, the consummate politician, is preparing to take a daring stance during his campaign this year in favor of environmental issues, according to administration officials.

His position is intended to counteract bad impressions made by James Watt at the Department of Interior and Anne Gorsuch Burford at the Environmental Protection Agency. But, it also pushes Reagan toward a confrontation with Big Business.

Meanwhile, both houses of Congress are actively considering environmental legislation, including amendments to FIFRA and the Toxic Substances Control Act. Since Congress was unable to produce this legislation in 1983, continued delay will be fought strongly by lobbyists.

Companies fear label nullification if Monsanto data decision stands

Drexel Chemical Company and Griffin Corporation fear they will lose registrations for current products if the U.S. Supreme Court rules in favor of Monsanto in its registration data suit against EPA and Stauffer Chemical Company.

Du Pont, the initial registrant of linuron, has notified Drexel and Griffin that it will seek to nullify their registrations of linuron products obtained with du Pont's data. At the same time, Zoecon has asked EPA to cancel registration of Sathon's dienochlar miticide, saying Sathon failed to properly arbitrate for use of Zoecon's dienochlar data.

Drexel and Griffin have filed briefs with the Supreme Court in the Monsanto case, along with the Pesticide Producers Association and PPG Industries.

EPA says Monsanto traded data for right to hold registration

EPA has filed its brief in the Monsanto case with the Supreme Court stating Monsanto gave up its exclusive rights to glyphosate health and safety data in exchange for the privilege of a registration.

EPA also defended its arbitration and compensation process in which an EPA arbitrator determines appropriate compensation for use of the data by others, subject to review by an EPA law judge.

EPA toxic waste inspectors want guns, fear for safety

Enforcing hazardous waste laws is dangerous business and EPA inspectors want the same rights as other law enforcement officials.

EPA inspectors have testified to a House committee they face threats daily from criminal elements in the toxic waste business. The committee is investigating why the Department of Justice has not deputized EPA inspectors as EPA had requested months before.

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pean countries. With headquarters based in Aalsmeer, Holland, Shemco's trade products will include interior foliage, flowering plants and cut flowers, exterior nursery plants and related horticultural supplies and accessories.

Emanuel Shemin, president of Shemin Nurseries, said, "We feel that major market expansion can occur by our becoming part of the European community and having international associates working together for mutual trade benefits."



Carl Johnson, left, President of Sensation, a division of Gilson Brothers Company, presents Sensation's first annual marketing leadership award to Howard Phelps, the firm's founder, recognizing his contributions to Sensation and the power equipment industry.

TURFGRASS

Portz to advise Illinois Turfgrass

Agronomist Herbert L. Portz has been reappointed adviser to the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation.

Portz has been professor of plant and soil science at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale for the past four years. He specializes in turf research and has developed methods for seeding difficult-to-grow zoysia grasses.

Since 1959, the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation has awarded more than \$260,000 in turf research grants to various projects.