

UPDATE

Kelthane voluntarily suspended

Rohm & Haas has voluntarily suspended sale of the miticide and powdery mildew fungicide Kelthane (dinocap) until additional studies are completed.

Like silvex, dinocap was susceptible to attacks because of biproducts it contains, in this case DDT, rather than the active ingredient. Rohm & Haas attorneys say the company has developed methods to reduce the level of DDT produced as a bi-product during manufacturing. Levels of DDT reached 10% during EPA studies.

EPA accepted Rohm & Haas's voluntary suspension and is giving the company until April 1 to produce new research data.

Elanco enjoys burst of labels

Elanco's fortunes were evidenced by a string of label approvals this winter. The first was Rubigan, a fungicide for turf. This would have been plenty for nearly any chemical company. But, to make the rewards even sweeter, EPA is expected to say yes to new Surflan and Treflan combinations called Team and XL for weed control to add to Elanco's Balan business. A growth regulator called Cutless and an aquatic herbicide named Sonar should be registered within months.

Meanwhile, Ciba Geigy hopes to see approval for the turf insecticide Triumph and the fungicide Banner this winter. Many of these products have been expecting registrations for more than two years.

Monsanto's Limit now labelled

"A triple to deep center," is what Monsanto President Richard Mahoney calls Limit, the company's new growth regulator. Monsanto calls Roundup one of its home runs.

Limit received EPA registration for utility turf two months ago. Research plots with Limit have looked good in state trials.

Ruckelshaus' leaving signals cuts

Washington insiders believe William Ruckelshaus, twice administrator of EPA, left his post mainly due to impending budget cutbacks and not simply because he felt he had the Agency back in shape.

Registrations had just started to flow again, more than a year after Anne Gorsuch Burford was replaced. Ruckelshaus successor, Lee M. Thomas, was head of EPA's Toxic Waste program and will focus primarily on those programs.

Any major change of direction in the agency may hamper current momentum established by chemical manufacturers.

INDUSTRY

Crowd toasts LESCO's new headquarters

The planners for LESCO's open house of its new headquarters in Rocky River, OH, were expecting 500 guests. Instead the newly painted and polished walls bulged with hundreds more.

Customers and suppliers from as far away as Oregon toured the new building's labs, offices, computer facility, and display truck.

A sense of accomplishment was evident on the faces of Chairman Jim Fitzgibbon, President Bob Burkhardt, and vice presidents Gene Probasco, Herb Cole, Ron Giffen, Skip Burkhardt and Ron Smith. In 22 years, LESCO has grown from a local nursery and golf course supplier into a public corporation ser-



ving the Green Industry in 22 states.

Lesco Chairman Jim Fitzgibbon and Elanco's Tom Perkins celebrate the opening of Lesco's new headquarters in Rocky River, OH.

EQUIPMENT

Deere expands equipment warranty

John Deere announced an expanded warranty for new grounds care equipment starting with purchases made on Oct. 1, 1984.

Under terms of the new warranty homeowner products will be covered for two years instead of one and the two-year warranty also applies to many commercial machines, including walk-behind mowers, certain tractors and the company's new line of front mowers for professional groundskeepers.

The new John Deere limited warranty applies to:

Walk-behind mowers designated