

UPDATE

Karathane, not Kelthane suspended

In December *Government Update* we erroneously reported that Rohm & Haas had voluntarily suspended Kelthane until additional studies were completed. We had the common name right (dinocap) but the product name wrong, it should have been Karathane. Kelthane (Dicofol) is still on the market as one of the few effective miticides available.

Reagan proposes EPA \$\$ freeze

President Reagan's 1986 budget recommends a freeze on EPA's budget while increasing toxic waste cleanup funding. Water treatment programs will be cut to make room for toxic waste programs.

A number of bills generated in the aftermath of Bohpal will put pressure on funding for toxic waste handling and disposal programs and right-to-know legislation. Groundwater pollution is also a hot topic in Washington.

A special committee reviewing FIFRA programs is not expected to complete its recommendations before congressional budget hearings this spring. Minutes from the committee's meetings indicate strong interest in inert ingredients in pesticides, cancellation of pesticides with insufficient data supporting them, improving state local needs labelling, and authority of Federal residue standards in food over state standards.

Senators rekindle Harper's Ferry

The storm over the Harper's Ferry Bill, a bill described as the environmentalists' wish list, has not blown over. In fact, it has been scooped up by the leading liberal Democrats in the Senate, Cranston (California), Proxmire (Wisconsin), Metzenbaum (Ohio), and Leahy (Vermont). These men know how to use the media to generate support. It represents a considerably larger threat than legislation attempted in 1984.

EPA readies applicator protection

EPA's Director of Pesticide Programs Steven Schatzow announced standards for farm worker protection will be issued by this fall. Schatzow, who took over from Edwin Johnson last year, appears to focus his attention on exposure to pesticides, whether direct or indirect. Since he started, he has given special attention to residues and applicator protection. WT&T thinks he is on the right track, without carrying some grudge against chemicals. He could be swayed, like others, by the emotional pressure from the antipesticide lobby. Instead, like Ruckelshaus, he has a good grasp of the basic goals.

ASSOCIATIONS

New home for PGMS

The Professional Grounds Management Society got a full-time director the first of the year and also a new headquarters.

The oldest professional grounds management association in the country is now located at 3701 Old Court Road, Suite 15, Pikesville, MD 21208. The phone, (301) 653-2742, is unchanged.

Executive Director Alan Shulder told WT&T the new 400-square-foot facility is "far more modern and gives us a little more working space."

SOD

ASPA unveils marketing program

The American Sod Producers Association is intensifying its advertising and marketing plans to better acquaint sod producers and the public with the advantages of sod.

ASPA has produced a series of advertisements which its members can purchase and place in publications of their choosing as well as specialized brochures for their retail and wholesale customers. ASPA membership decals and bumper stickers will be available to further publicize the product and organization.

Current plans also call for ASPA to place advertisements in several national publications whose readers are landscape architects and contractors. The campaign theme is "Sod's Quality Advantages," and "Sod: The Perfect Cover."

For more information, contact ASPA, (312) 449-2890.

Sea World to open in San Antonio

Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc. (HBJ), parent company of WEEDS TREES & TURF magazine, and other publishing and diversified interests including Sea World enterprises, has announced plans to build a fourth Sea World park in San Antonio, TX. The \$75,000,000 facility will be ready the end of 1986. Sea World parks are currently in San Diego, Orlando and Cleveland.

The new park will offer 500 acres of displays and exhibits of killer whales, penguins, dolphins, seals, native and exotic fish and birds. The parks are also known for their creative and well designed and maintained landscaping.