

ENDANGERED LABELING...Chemical producers should realize by now that quick action on an EPA judgment is sometimes folly. Such is the case with endangered species labeling. Since it has become unlikely the endangered species program will be in place by this September, the EPA is issuing three options, according to a report in *Pesticide & Toxic Chemical News*. First, products already with new labels can be used until the product is gone. Second, stickers can be placed over language required by PR notices 87-4 and 87-5. Third, use labeling approved prior to issuance of those to PR notices. Stay tuned.

IT COULD HAPPEN...Fire can devastate a maintenance operation, as Scott Wallace, superintendent at Waveland Golf Course, in Des Moines, Iowa knows. After it happened to him, he learned some valuable lessons. His advice: store equipment and chemicals in separate areas...keep a good inventory, especially all equipment receipts for anything you still use...keep records in two different areas.

CONGRATULATIONS...to Dr. Eliot Roberts, executive director of the Lawn Institute. Roberts received the Iowa Turfgrass Institute's Meritorious Service Award. Roberts started some of the first research plots at Iowa State University.

PRUDENT PRUNING...Be careful when you prune wild cherry or black locust trees near a pasture. The branches are poisonous to animals which eat them, says John Mead, extension agent at Rutgers University's Cook College. According to Mead, the branches become more dangerous as they dry out.

REINCO CONSOLIDATES...Reinco, Inc. a New Jersey-based manufacturer of hydrograsses and power mulchers, has announced the dissolution of its 20-year-old sister company, Grass Growers, Inc. Grass Growers produced Terra Tack tackifier used to minimize erosion. Information on the availability of Terra Tack trademark can be obtained by calling 800-526-7687.

SHRINKING POOL...The labor pool for young adults is shrinking—not a good sign for service-oriented industries like lawn and tree care and landscaping. According to National Arborist Association executive director Bob Felix, there will be 24 million 18- to 24-year-olds entering the job market in 1990. This compares with 30 million who entered in 1980. Competition for these people will be intense; Felix believes that the green industry should be prepared to pay for its share of the market.

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4. Institutional—university research and extension.

The bad news, however, is that the general public doesn't realize the worth of the turf industry, Roberts says. "We need to get off our duffs and educate people," he says. "The production of seed and sod is a marketable commodity, but there's value to us in using it, not just how it's produced."

Roberts spoke at the Iowa Turf conference.

REGULATIONS

OSHA revises its trimming regulations

The Occupational Safety and Hazard Agency (OSHA) revised its regulations concerning trimming trees in the proximity to telephone, cable vision and other communication lines, including house drops.

Through the efforts of the National Arborist Association, previous requirements for extensive safety training record-keeping were dropped. The new regulation, effective Oct. 28, 1987, allow simple training certification.

Employers retain the right to provide this training exclusively on the job. The new requirements state in part: "Employers shall provide training in the various precautions and safe practices required to trim trees in proximity to telecommunications lines. Such training shall consist of on-the-job training or classroom type or both.

"The employer shall certify that employees have been trained by preparing a certification record which includes the identity of the person trained, the signature of the employer or the person who conducted the training and the date the training was completed. Such record shall be maintained on file for the duration of the employee's employment."

If verifiable training occurred before the new regulation, then further training is not necessary. Training includes the following:

"1) Recognition and avoidance of dangers relating to encounter with harmful substances and animal, insect or plant life;

"2) Procedures to be followed in emergency situations; and

"3) First aid training, including instruction in artificial respiration where appropriate."

For complete details on the new regulations, contact OSHA or the NAA at P.O. Box 1094, Amherst, NH 03031; (603) 673-3311. **LM**