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It has loomed on the regulatory horizon for three years. Most pesticide users have heard of the Food Quality Protection Act, but in the everyday hustle and bustle of taking care of business, the FQPA may still be confusing.

Events of the last few months have brought to light the impact this act can have and what must be done by everyone who relies on pesticide products to do their jobs.

This easy-to-read pocket guide should bring you up to speed on FQPA and what you can do. Don't stop at just reading this Pocket Guide. I encourage you to contact your congressman and let your thoughts be known via e-mail, telephone, letter, fax or a personal visit.

There are those saying, "I'll just let my association and my competitors tackle this one. I'm too busy."

The company or individual who waits to see what will happen will be disappointed with the outcome. There's a greater likelihood the results will be favorable when every applicator gets involved.

Lou Kobus, a turf manager and business owner in Fairfax County, Va., says it best: "FQPA can impact your checkbook. If you don't take action, you'll wake up one morning and won't be able to do your job because valuable tools you depend on are gone."

FQPA is the biggest challenge the green industry faces. You can make a difference by reading this pocket guide, understanding the implications of FQPA and then taking action.

Pesticide manufacturers, distributors and associations such as RISE®, GCSAA and PLCAA are doing all they can. But it's important the public and politicians hear from you — the users of pesticides — as well.

Sincerely,

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