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Good News

EPA reported last week that they will not be going forward with their new drift policy regulation at this time due to the large number of comments they received. The new drift policy would not allow any drift off the target site. If pesticides were found present in a sample, no matter how small the amount might be, the drift would be considered a violation. EPA said they would revisit the drift regulation to determine what changes could be made.

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Conference Time

For those in vegetation management and related fields, the most important and exciting place to be on October 18-20, 2010 will be at the TVMA Annual Conference hosted at the College Station Hilton and Conference Center, 801 University Drive East, College Station. To contact the hotel call 979-693-9509.

Monday will begin with registration, a golf tournament for scholarship at Pebble Creek, and a reception that evening at the Hilton. Tuesday will be a completely unique experience with everyone, after breakfast with the vendors, traveling to Texas A & M Riverside Campus for a day filled with demonstrations, speakers, barbeque, and business. Tuesday evening everyone can try his or her hand at games of chance at casino night in the vendor area. Wednesday morning will begin anew with breakfast in the vendor area and excellent speakers until noon. Speakers booked thus far and their tentative topics include:

Paul Baumann-TAES "Vegetation ID and Herbicide Symptoms"
Stephen Cieslewics-CN Utility TBA
Ronnie Hoffmann-TDA "Complaint Handling"
TBA "Property Owner Notification"
Beverly Storey-TTI "Erosion Control/Vegetation for Erosion Control"
Fred Whitford-Purdue TBA

Use this conference to attain your CEUs, update your knowledge, network, help the scholarship program, or become licensed while enjoying the conference activities. See you in October. Registration online for sponsors and attendees is open at tvma.net. Contact the TVMA office at (979)968-5612 or Scott Dunham at scott.dunham@beckerunderwood.com with questions or for more information.

Presidential Update

Summer is upon us and things are starting to get very busy in our careers and with the association. Timely rainfall in the fall and winter months was conducive to a beautiful wildflower show throughout the state and with some additional moisture this summer, many members will be called upon to make recommendations to control weed, brush and tree problems.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask the membership to assist the board of directors on an important matter. If you would like to nominate someone for the Lifetime Achievement Award, please contact me or one of the board members as soon as possible. The nominee must be, or has been, involved and made major contributions to the vegetation management industry. The board of directors will vote on the nominees at the August board meeting. This is the highest award that the association presents to individuals in our industry.

Thanks to the efforts of Scott Dunham, plans are well underway for the annual conference to be held in College Station in October. This year's conference will be different from previous ones. Tuesday's agenda will be held at the Riverside Campus of Texas A&M University and will include a program with speakers, equipment and herbicide demonstrations and a tour of the TxDOT/TTI Hydraulics, Sedimentation and Erosion Control Laboratory. I look forward to seeing everyone in "Aggieland". Prepare to spend some time outdoors viewing the attractions and events. Looking forward, the 2011 Annual Conference will be held October 3-5 at the YO Ranch Hotel in Kerrville.

During the May meeting, the board of directors spent considerable time in a strategic planning session. The purpose of the session was to ensure that the association is committing efforts and money in the right direction. Plans are to look into purchasing a portable TVMA display that member could use when participating in associated conferences and meetings to promote our association. The board is also interested in conducting a CEU training session in Tyler. Hopefully, these activities will potentially increase membership and awareness of TVMA.

Stan Jones has received a large number of quality applications for TVMA scholarships. The scholarship committee will soon be making recommendations to the board concerning 2010 winners. As a member of TVMA, your child is eligible to apply for these awards to assist in funding their college education. Please take advantage of this opportunity in 2011.

It is a pleasure to serve as your president this year. Feel welcome to contact me or any of the board members if you have recommendations to improve the organization.

John Mason



TVMA Mission Statement

To promote and support the vegetation management industry in Texas through professional development, continuing education and training, sound environmental stewardship, and academic scholarship for its members and the public; to assist and cooperate with legislative and regulatory agencies.

TVMA 2010 Annual Conference Corporate Sponsor Categories

\$2000 Platinum
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TDA Applicator Licensing Training Available

Kedrick Bryant of TNMP will teach those who register for the pesticide applicator license training sessions during the 2010 TVMA Annual Conference. Training will begin on Monday morning at 10 AM and again on Tuesday morning at 8 AM with testing on Wednesday, October 20th.

Wednesday morning testing provides the TDA general test, the laws and regulations test, and a right-of-way test. Study manuals can be ordered at <http://www-aes.tamu.edu>.

B-5073 Commercial/ Non Commercial Applicator-General at the cost of \$25.00

B-5056 Laws and Regulations at the cost of \$15.00

B-5068 Right-of-Way pest control at the cost of \$35.00

For the Right-of-Way Pest Control test, examinees will need to bring a \$24 payment made out to TDA since this is a category test. The General and Laws and Regs tests have no fee requirement.

There will be CEUs available at the conference for TDA and ISA recertification. TVMA also provides reciprocal CEUs for neighboring state agencies. For a special state request, contact Kedrick Bryant at Kedrick.bryant@tnmp.com or 409-504-5022.

Road Check 2010

As we move closer to summer, the time for Road Check 2010 draws near. This year as in years past the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) along with Federal, Ministry, State, Provincial and Local Law Enforcement will be conducting commercial motor vehicle inspections across North America. This year, Road Check 2010 will be held on June 8 – 10, 2010. This year's activities will focus on commercial vehicle and driver safety and security programs aimed at making North America's highways safer and more secure for everyone.

Steve White

TVMA Board Meeting

The TVMA board met on Tuesday May 10th in Bastrop to discuss 2010 conference plans, the 2011 conference and other business items. Please note the unique plans for more outside demonstrations at the 2010 conference which are discussed in various articles in this issue of *The Clip*. Plan to join others in the field of vegetation management and related fields for this meeting. The board decided to contract YO Resort Hotel and Conference Center to host the 2011 conference October, 3-5. After the regular business meeting was adjourned, members participated in a productive strategic planning session.

During the strategic planning session the board discussed the strengths and weaknesses of TVMA. The board knows TVMA does a good job to educate those who already attend classes available but felt there are many areas of the state that did not have training available. TVMA will add additional sites in the coming years and decided the Tyler area would be a good place to add the next session. Each year, TVMA will continue to add one new site to help educate our industry. It was also discussed that not all aspects of the vegetation management industry are represented in the association, and a strong effort should be made to invite other aspects to become a part of TVMA. The board also believes that TVMA needs to work closer with the state agencies that regulate our industry and make a concentrated effort to let members of the legislature know more about our industry. The board also plans to broaden communication to members and potential members and participate more fully with groups who would benefit from TVMA services.

The next board meeting will be at the College Station Hilton, Tuesday, August 10th beginning at 9 A. M. Members, as always, are encouraged to attend to share ideas

The 2010 TVMA Conference Is Shaping Up

Product demonstrations are the new addition to this year's agenda, giving our attendees an opportunity to see some of the latest equipment and products in action. Mark your calendar for Oct 18-20 to attend this year's Texas Vegetation Management Conference in College Station, TX. Registration and hospitalities are scheduled for Monday, October 18th followed on Tuesday, October 19th with a full day out at Texas A&M's Riverside Campus, and on the 20th classes until noon at the hotel.

The day out at Riverside Campus will have keynote speakers, equipment and product demonstrations, CEU credits and a barbeque luncheon catered by J. Cody's. Vendors and sponsor are making plans to demonstrate their latest equipment and products during the day and attendees will have an opportunity to get the CEUs.

So, again, mark your calendar for the TVMA Conference, October 18th thru 20th in College Station.

VM Industry Calendar of Events

Sept. 22 - 24, 2010
Texas Tree Conference
College Station Hilton

August 1 - 4, 2010
TEC Annual Meeting
Marriott Rivercenter, San Antonio

October 18 - 20, 2010
TVMA Annual Conference
College Station Hilton, College Station

December 1 - 3, 2010
TEC Managers Conference
Westin Austin Domain

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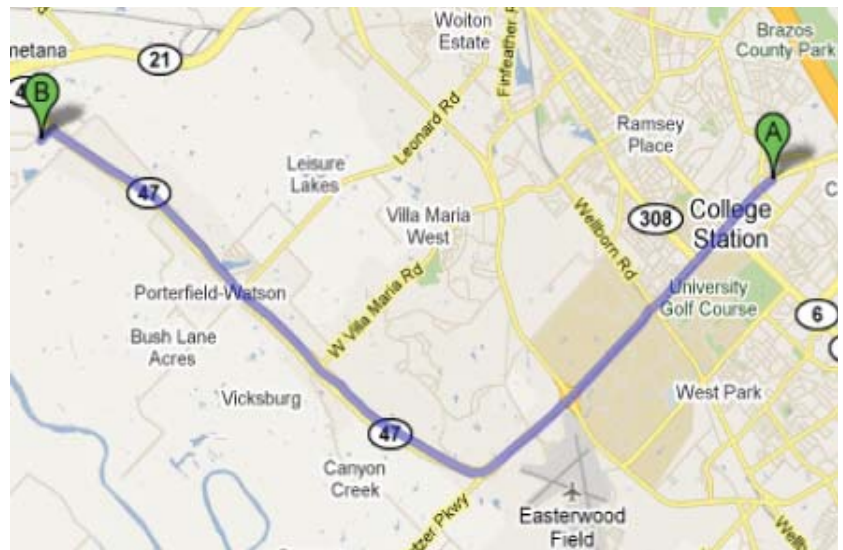
This year's TVMA conference will provide you a unique opportunity to demonstrate your latest equipment and products. The venue for Tuesday's conference is the Texas A&M's Riverside Campus in College Station, TX. Located about 6 miles west of Texas A&M's main campus, the Riverside Campus provides a great location to demonstrate equipment and products, including:

- herbicide trials
- mowing embankments and ditches
- state of the art erosion control facilities
- power line and roadside demonstration capabilities

So, contact **Scott Dunham** – 979-255-3980 or the TVMA office - 979-968-5612 to lock in your space.

Driving directions to Texas A&M Riverside Campus from College Station Hilton Conference Center

- Head southwest on Farm to Market Rd 60/ University Dr E toward E Tarrow Dr. Continue to follow Farm to Market Rd 60. About 10 mins - go 4.2 mi.
- Slight right at TX-47 N. About 7 mins - go 6.2 mi.
- Riverside Campus will be on the left.



TVMA Golf Tournament
Benefiting the TVMA Scholarship Program
Pebble Creek Country Club, College Station, TX
Monday, October 18, 2010
T-time is 1:00pm.

Are you up for a great round of golf at a private country club? Have you ever played on a course setup exclusively for you? Come join us at Pebble Creek Country Club in College Station for a great experience and great camaraderie plus you're helping out our scholarship program. Pebble Creek is usually closed on Monday's but they are opening up the course exclusively for us. They will also open up the restaurant for us so come early and enjoy lunch. We would like to have over 50 players to help spread out the cost and raise some good money for our scholarship program- so invite your co-workers, suppliers or friends. Cost will be similar to last year.

Pebble Creek Golf Course, designed by Ken Dye, has twice been voted "Best Golf Course in the Brazos Valley" - check it out at www.pebblecreek.org

For more information or to help sponsor contact: Mike Standish; 512-887-0318 or Andrew Honnert 979-450-3527

Larry Mauldin
Becomes TVMA
Secretary

Due to the resignation of Kevin Patton, the board secretary position was left open. Larry Mauldin of Red River Specialties, with board approval, stepped up to fill the position leaving a supplier position open. Mike Standish, of Crop Production Services -Timberland Division, expressed interest, and the board concurred he will complete the vacant term. Mike is a past President of TVMA who helped organize TVMA with Rich Hendler and others. Mike was also one of the inaugural TVMA board members.

New DuPont Land Management Herbicides
Being Developed by Myron Rabalais

DuPont Crop Protection is developing four new herbicides for the land management market. These new herbicides, all based on a new active ingredient from the DuPont research and development pipeline, include DuPont™ Perspective™, Plainview™, Streamline™ and Viewpoint™.

DuPont™ Plainview™ herbicide will provide broad-spectrum, bare-ground weed control to improve the safety of utility and industrial sites by eliminating vegetation that can interfere with equipment and become fire hazards.

DuPont™ Streamline™ herbicide will help land managers improve the safety of utility sites and roadside rights of way by controlling key brush and broadleaf weeds while preserving desirable grass understory.

DuPont™ Viewpoint™ herbicide will control encroaching brush species to help utility site managers and public roadside managers maintain safe environments.

DuPont™ Perspective™ herbicide is designed to help restore natural grasses and control encroaching weed species to improve public roadside safety.

DuPont™ Perspective™, Plainview™, Streamline™ and Viewpoint™ are developmental products for which applications have not yet been filed with EPA. These developmental products are not registered for sale or use in the United States, and no sale, offer for sale or use of these products may be made unless and until all necessary registrations have been obtained.

These new herbicides for vegetation management are anticipated to launch in late 2010, pending regulatory approval by EPA.

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October 18-20, 2010
TVMA Annual Conference
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