

EPA to halt Reading pollution

PHILADELPHIA, PA. - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has moved to stop the discharge of a pollutant from Reading, Pa. which has produced foul odors and taste in waters of the Schuylkill River twice in recent months.

Daniel J. Snyder, III, Regional Administrator, said that substance which is causing the problems is suspected to come from the Glidden-Durkee Division of SCM Corporation located in Reading. Glidden-Durkee discharges its wastes into the municipal sewage

system of Reading. The wastes are treated at the city's Fritz Island Sewage Treatment Plant, and then discharged into the Schuylkill.

Discharges from the Fritz Island plant on April 23 and June 18 caused taste and odor problems severe enough that several drinking water treatment plants on the Schuylkill, including Philadelphia's Belmont Filtration Plant, had to close their water supply intakes.

Snyder said that the City of Reading, according to an EPA permit issued to it for operation of the Fritz Island

plant, has the responsibility to monitor and report any unusual discharge from the plant. This includes a discharge that originates from one of the industries using the City's sewer system.

In order to assure that further noxious discharges do not enter the Schuylkill, the City of Reading was ordered by EPA to install a continuous sampling device at a point prior to that at which the wastes from

Glidden-Durkee enter the Reading sewer system. Samples collected from this device must be collected every 24 hours and retained for 48 hours. Whenever foul taste or odors are discovered coming from the Fritz Island plant, the samples taken from Glidden-Durkee must be analyzed and the results reported to EPA.

The City was also ordered to submit to EPA complete reports on the April 23 and June 18 discharges.

Fishing party set for Sunday, Aug. 10

The Lancaster Association for Retarded Citizens, will be sponsoring a fishing party for retarded persons on Sunday, August 10 at the Nolt's Pond near New Holland.

Each person must have their own fishing equipment although some bait will be provided by the New Holland Jaycees. The event is free of charge and prizes will be awarded to persons with the largest and smallest fish.

Families are asked to bring their own lunches. The Nolt Pond can be located by traveling east on Main Street in New Holland. At the intersection of Railroad Avenue turn left

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Purebred Charolais cattle registered in Canada have been officially recognized as a breed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), thereby becoming eligible for duty-free import into the United States.

Officials of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) said recognition of the breed by USDA will permit pedigreed animals to be granted free entry of accompanied by certificates of pure breeding. Such recognition was made after APHIS officials examined the records and registration rules of the Canadian Charolais Association, headquartered in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

USDA recognition had been granted previously to 13 other breeds of cattle registered in the Canadian Live Stock Records, Ottawa; Aberdeen-Angus, Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Canadian, Dexter, Galloway, Ouer-nacy, Hereford, Highland, Jersey, Lincoln Red, Red

Poll and Shorthorn. USDA has also recognized Holstein-Friesian cattle registered with the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada, Brantford, Ontario.

Recognition of Canadian-bred Charolais cattle becomes effective on publication of this action in the Aug. 1 Federal Register.

Erisman cited


GLENMONT, N.Y. - Gordon Erisman of Columbia R2, has been recognized as one of the top agents of the Farm Family Life-Mutual Insurance Companies and has just attended the Companies' 21st annual Mid-Summer Training Conference at the Lodge at Great Gorge, McAfee, New Jersey.

Mr. Erisman, a member of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association insurance team, was joined by 20 other agents from Pennsylvania. The three-day conference featured training sessions designed to increase their ability to serve their clients' varied needs and desires. This is the second time that Mr. Erisman has been awarded a trip to the Mid-Summer Conference.

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