New air and water pollution regulations are being made

comment on possible new air and water pollution control regulations being proposed by the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) is being solicited by the Environmental Quality Board.

The proposed changes in air quality control regulations deal with sulfur dioxide and volatile organic compounds.

DER proposes to relax sulfur dioxide standards in some locations of the State while tightening them in others. The requested changes are based on scientific studies relating current levels of emissions to ability to meet Federal ambient air standards.

Where possible, the Department is seeking a new standard which is 80 per cent of the national standard so there is a margin for error and industrial growth.

In areas where the standards can be relaxed without jeopardizing air quality, utilities and other large users will be able to burn fuel with higher concentrations of sulfur and thus save on fuel costs. Where the standards must be tightened to meet the Federal requirements, fuel costs will rise.

Volatile organic compounds must be controlled for the State to work toward meeting the Federal standard on photochemical oxidants.

The elements of the proposed plan are stationary source control for Volatile Organic Compounds, transportation control measures in six urban areas and a vehicle emission control inspection and maintenance program in six urban areas The urban areas involved in the latter two strategies are Allentown - Bethlehem - Easton, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre,

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HARRISBURG - Public stream conditions; they do not prescribe what may or may not be discharged from a point source.

> Walter A. Lyon, Director of the DERR Bureau of Water Quality Management, told the Board that through the Department's public participation activities 860 people have attended hearings on these proposed standards and 3,500 pages of testimony and comments have been reviewed by the

> The Quality Board agreed to publish both the air and water quality regulations in "Pennsylvania the Bulletin" to receive public comment and agreed to hold five hearings around the State on the air quality changes and one hearing in Harrisburg on the water quality proposals.

> Informational materials on the proposals are available from the Environmental Quality Board, Box 1467, Harrisburg, Pa. 17120.

Fresh cut Christmas trees last longer

FLEMINGTON, N.J. Mountains of pine and spruce trees tied in bundles are arriving, writing to be sold for Christmas. Many of these trees were cut weeks ago and shipped long distances.

If one lives in an area where he can get his Christmas tree from a local grower, he can be assured of a fresh tree by going to the farm and cutting it himself or having it cut when one calls for it.

In either case, what one does with the tree after he gets it home will determine its appearance and safety when it is set up indoors.

Experts have some tips on how to maintain good tree color, reduce needle drop, and keep tree moist and more resistant to fire.

These include:

When you bring your tree home from the market, place it in a bucket of water outdoors or in a cool place until you are ready to decorate it. Exposure to snow or rain won't hurt it, but heat will dry it out and cause the needles to drop early.

When you're ready to bring it indoors, make a fresh cut across the trunk about an inch above the

original one. The tree will absorb more water.

Place the tree in a container or tree holder filled with water. Never place the tree near a fireplace.

Keep the cut surface covered with water at all times. A tree in a warm room may use a pint of water a day. The larger the container the fewer times you have to fill it.

The United States Forest Products Laboratory investigated the benefits of fire-retardant chemicals on Christmas trees and concluded that keeping the tree standing in water is about the most practical, satisfactory, and convenient method for reducing fire hazards and preventing the needles from discoloring and falling.

Charolais show set

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. -Charolais breeders from throughout the United States, and from several foreign countries, will gather here Jan. 30 to Feb. 2 for the 22nd annual membership meeting of the American-International Charolais Association.

Events scheduled include the 10th National Charolais Show, a Roll of Excellence event, the sale of 40 head of selected Charolais seedstock

and a special offering of 60 head of top range bull prospects from throughout the country.

The national gathering of Charolais breeders and enthusiasts will be a part of the 1979 Sioux Empire Farm Show here Jan. 26-Feb. 2. Host for the Charolais events will be the South Dakota Charolais Association.

Highlight event will be the crowning of new Charolais National Champions scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 1 with a sale of selected seedstock, many of them competitors for the national titles, slated the evening of show day.

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Forestry careers explained

ELVERSON - Forestry classes at the Twin Valley High School have recently heard speakers on forestry careers.

John Kitch from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, Bureau of Forestry spoke on careers as a state government employee as a forester. He discussed the role of the Department of Environmental Resources in managing our forest resources. He also spoke briefly about the schools in Pennsylvania. Kitch is headquartered at Buc stown.

Hooper Marrow from Hopewell N tional Historical Site spoke to the class on careers with the National Park Service of the United States Department of Interior Marrow a parive of Alabama, discussed the various types of National parks and the variety of work performed in each. He pointed out the gigantic

differences between a Park ranger's job at an historical site such as Hopewell and a natural park as found in the Western U.S. Marrow also discussed methods of gaining employment in the National Park Service, advancement within the service, and how rangers move from one park to another.





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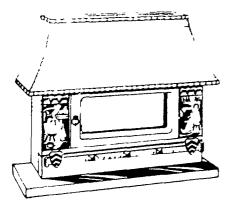
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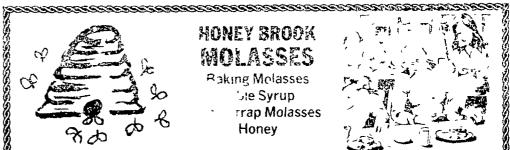
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