

EPA, state sign \$172 million agreement

HARRISBURG — Gov. Dick Thornburgh and Environmental Protection Agency Regional Administrator Jack J. Schramm Monday signed an agreement outlining a joint environmental strategy for the state of Pennsylvania.

As a result of the agreement, an estimated \$172 million in federal funds will be flowing into the state for environmental programs during the next twelve months.

The bulk of the funds, about \$160 million, would be earmarked for grants to municipalities to fund the construction of publicly-owned sewage treatment plants.

"These funds will be enormously helpful," Thornburgh said, "as we seek to reconcile our en-

vironmental and agricultural concerns with our need for continued economic growth in Pennsylvania."

Schramm said that "the agreement, along with the adoption of the state's tough new program to combat illegal dumping of hazardous wastes, indicates that Pennsylvania is committed to protecting its environmental resources from abuse."

In addition to sewage treatment plant construction money, the agreement provides approximately \$12 million to operate this and other state environmental programs.

Thornburgh said that Pennsylvania's number one environmental priority is the hazardous waste program. Schramm noted that EPA

plans to allocate \$2 million to help the Commonwealth put

this recently enacted program into operation. Gov. Thornburgh and Schramm said the

agreement should virtually eliminate duplication of state and federal efforts in the grant approval process -

thereby freeing local governments from needless paperwork and delay.

Montgomery Grange to meet with legislators

COLLEGEVILLE — The Montgomery County Pomona Grange No. 8 plans a legislative dinner for Friday, October 10.

Grange master Robert Zimmerman announces the occasion to greet local legislators, recognize various legislative actions in which the Grange is interested, and also to mark the 105th anniversary of this Pomona Grange. The public is invited.

The dinner will be at 6:45 p.m., Wismer Hall, Ursinus College, Collegeville. Dinner is available by advance reservation only; tickets can be obtained from Pomona Grange officers and legislative comm. members.

Richard L. James, executive director of the Schuylkill Valley Nature Center, Roxborough, will address the group. His illustrated talk is entitled "The Ultimate Consumer".

Music will be provided by Merle Reitz and Miss Meribah Sweet.

The Pennsylvania State Grange will be represented by master Charles F. Wismer, Jr. He will introduce several local legislators, who will give

brief remarks.

During the evening program a local legislator and a service group will be honored for community service by the Pomona Grange, and a subordinate chapter, Keystone No. 2 of Trappe, respectively.

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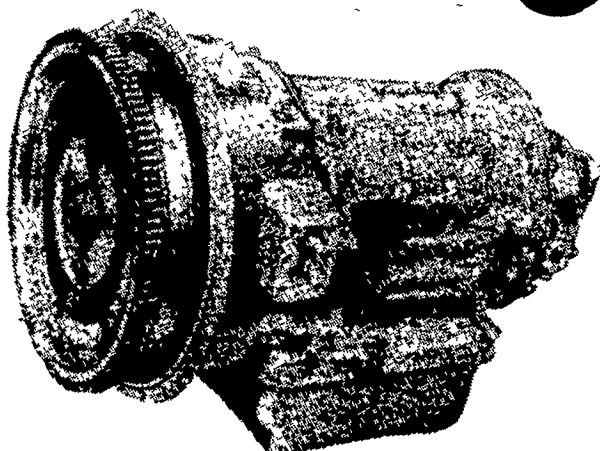
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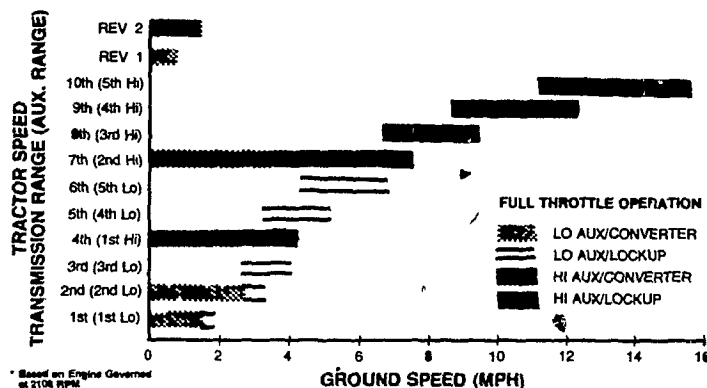
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