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I am responding to your inquiry, forwarded to me from Rick Melnicoe, Director of the Western Integrated Pest Management Center (WIPMC), on December 5, 2006, regarding the use of the herbicide siduron. You asked for use information for golf courses, athletic fields, sod farms, and on grass grown for seed. I am responding for six-states in the WIPMC's Pacific Northwest Workgroup: Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.

Siduron is not commonly used on golf courses and I have received no information about its use on athletic fields or sod farms. Also, there is no use of siduron in grass seed production. The one commercial use that was noted was in turf grass renovation. Dan Warehime, Vice President of Senske Lawn and Tree Care, reported that siduron (Tupersan) is used in lawns being replanted with bluegrass. He commented that, to his knowledge, there is no other herbicide available that will prevent Bermuda grass germination while not harming bluegrass seed. For this use siduron is applied at 4# ai/A. While Senske only treats a total of a couple of acres per year with siduron, they view this as a valuable tool.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane M. Thomas".

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