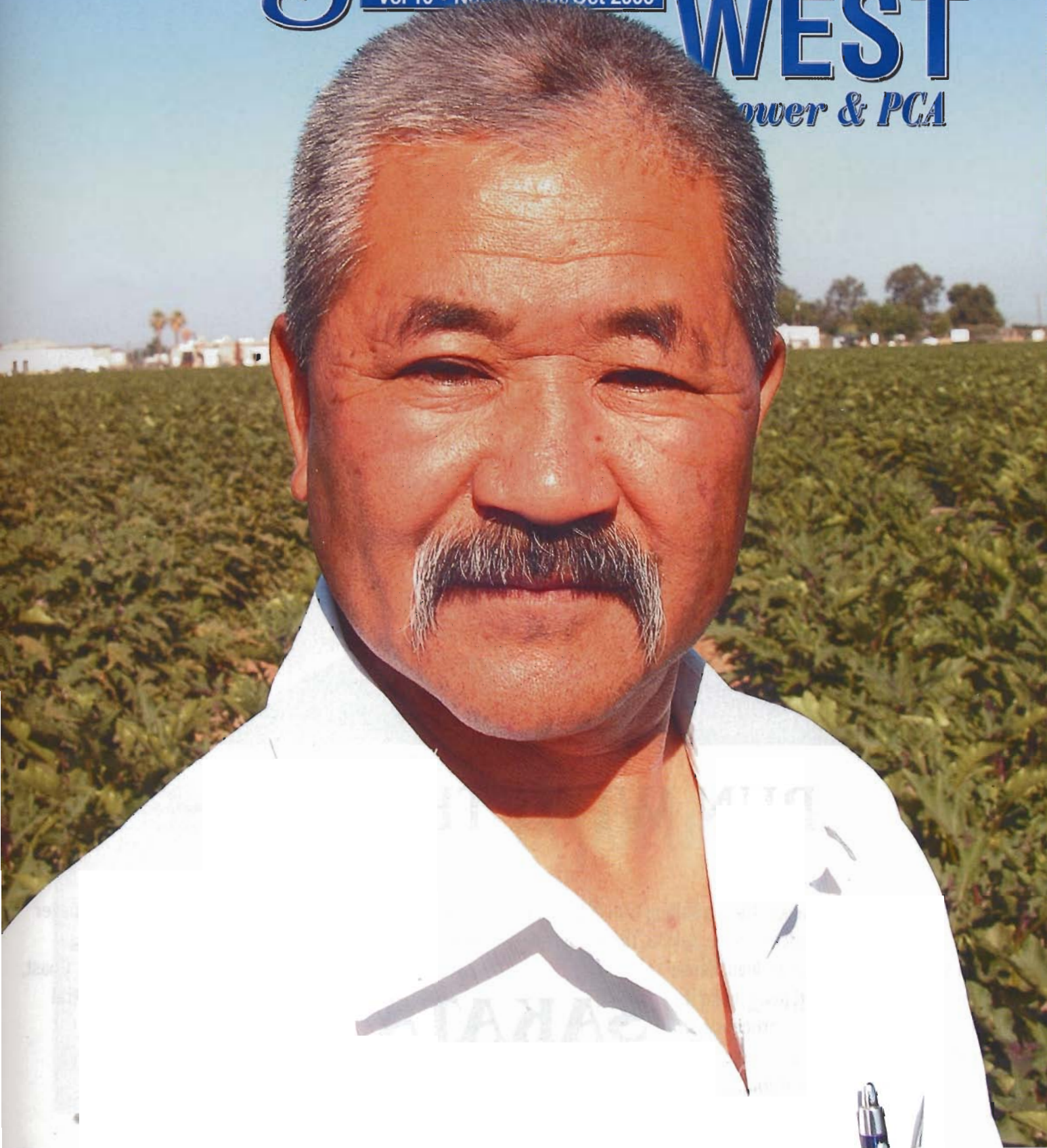


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the Reregistration Eligibility Document (RED) for PCNB, the active ingredient used in Chemtura fungicide products sold under the brand names Terraclor, Terraclor Super X and Turfcide.

During the RED review process all PCNB-containing products can be legally sold and used according to their label directions. Additionally, all existing stock will continue to be sold until a time yet to be determined by the registrant(s) and EPA.

"Chemtura wants to reassure our customers that they can continue to use Terraclor, Terraclor Super X and Turfcide fungicide products with confidence during the on-going re-registration process," said Kevin Hamilton, Global Fungicides Product Manager at Chemtura Corporation.

"At this point EPA has just issued the RED for PCNB fungicides which will now be followed by a comment period ending October 2, 2006. Neither final decision nor any action has been taken by the EPA at this time that will affect use of PCNB products until then, and no new actions will be taken until the completion of the final review of all comments and supportive scientific data by the EPA," Hamilton said.

Issuance of this RED is part of the ongoing program at EPA to periodically review all registered crop protection chemicals against the most current scientific toxicological and environmental standards.

Chemtura Corporation maintains its commitment to support and vigorously defend the reregistration of PCNB fungicides, based on the technical performance and economic merits of the compound.

Chemtura Corporation thanks our customers for their support of our PCNB products Terraclor, Terraclor Super X and Turfcide fungicides and appreciates customer patience and understanding as we defend PCNB through the reregistration process.



Starch-Based Polymer Has Hit Ag Scene

Super Absorbent, an Irvine, Calif.-based company is doubling its manufacturing facilities to accommodate sales and is out to prove to growers the water and fertilizer savings, along with an increased crop yield, with a special starch-based polymer containing a proprietary blend of micros.

The water absorbing substrate material called MagnaVerno has a blend of 24 proprietary microbial elements. The microbes, which are dormant until applied, are jumpstarted with water. The microbes have multiple soil benefits including increasing water uptake by the plants. The company reports that the polymer absorbent keeps them going enabling the microbes to always have moisture and food.

The recommended application rate for the light, saw-dust looking material is 20 pounds per acre. It is applied by a dry applicator in the seed line at planting.

The polymer component of the material has a 20-year history of helping agricultural forestry around the world. It absorbs up to 300 times its weight in water and releases that water to the root zone for use by plants. MagnaVerno also holds water soluble crop protection materials and fertilizers preventing them from being leached into the water table.

According to Phillip Berlin, CEO of Super Absorbent Co. an agronomist is always available to help implement the product and walk the grower all the way to harvest.

"We guarantee a 30 percent reduction in water use and a 30 percent reduction of NPK fertilizer along with a significant yield increase," said Berlin.

Berlin said the material must be reapplied each planting for effectiveness.

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