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BANJONG SIRIRANGSANKUL : THE PROTECTION BEHAVIOR OF THE GOLF COURSE SERVICE PERSONNEL AGAINST CHEMICAL INSECTICIDES : CASE STUDY OF THE ROYAL GAMS GOLF COURSE BUDDHAMONTHON DISTRICT , NAKHON PATHON PROVINCE. THESIS ADVISORS : THAWATCHAI ARTHRONTHURASUK , M.P.A. PRATHUM SAKONRNSATIEN , M.P.A. JIRAPORN CHUCKPAIWOONG , M.A. 110 p. ISBN 976-662-276-5

The purposes of this study are to 1) analyze behavior in self-protection from using chemicals of staff at a golf course, 2) analyze factors which influence self-protection from chemicals, and 3) present the approaches in solving problems and promoting proper use of chemicals. The subjects were caddies and maintenance staff at Royal-James Golf Course. Questionnaires and interviews were used as tools in this study. The results of the study were as follow. 1) most of the subjects have self-protection behavior from chemicals accurately at medium level. According to analysis of variance, it was found that self-protection behavior was statistically significantly influenced at the 0.001 level by the factors : education, the levels of perceived information about chemicals, healthy realization, and knowledge in using chemicals.

The approaches to solving problems and promoting the usage of chemicals accurately were 1) to give chemical knowledge to the staff at the golf course through different kinds of media simply, 2) the owners of the golf course should cooperate with the involved units in order to advise, support and explain doubtful questions to the staff as well as hold a seminar about how to use chemicals and protect oneself from touching chemicals. Labels, warns and directions for using chemicals should be shown clearly. The staff should be encouraged to realize the importance of using chemical protection as well as evaluate the effects occurring from using chemicals within the golf course. These approaches were important to protect staff and solve the pollution problems.