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choice—a pressure regulator in the rotor body allows it to remain in place if the original riser is removed and replaced for service,” said Steve Hovel, product manager at Hunter Industries.

Graywater Permits Waived

Property owners in Goleta Valley, California, can now legally pipe graywater from their bathroom sinks, showers and tubs onto their landscaping without having to apply for a building permit.

The county’s move to waive the permit requirement has eliminated the main obstacle for contractors to install bathroom graywater systems in the area.

These systems, dubbed ‘shower to flowers,’ can reduce the potable water use for a single-family home

by as much as 20%.

Removing the need for a permit means it’s that much easier for them to hire professional landscape and irrigation contractors who can do proper installation on the jobs.

Irrigation Source Banned

Outside of Atlanta, Georgia, Lake Lanier is coming under a new restriction, based on an old rule. The laws directing the construction of the lake’s dam, which date back to the 1940s, never specified irrigation as a project purpose. Now the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is updating their shoreline management regulations to comply with federal law, and irrigation is taking a hit in the process.

“The new rules now forbid the use of reservoir water for irrigation,” said Lisa Parker, the organization’s

deputy of public affairs. “This impacts all property owners who have a permit to pump water from the reservoirs for their lawns/gardens.” The new rules will also affect Lake Seminole, Walter F. George Lake, Alatoona Lake and West Point Lake.

Rivers Associates Appointed

Ed Underhill, president of Underhill International in Mission Viejo, California, has announced the appointment of Rivers Associates as its sales agency for the southeastern United States. Agency principal Wayne Smalley will oversee all regional sales efforts.

Rivers Associates is headquartered in Chapin, South Carolina. It has been working with wholesale distribution in the irrigation and green industry for the past 21 years.