

## ANSI A300 Updates

The A300 committee approved a new Lightning A300 standard. Revisions for the Pruning A300 and Pruning BMP are expected in the first half of 2008.

## Best Management Practices

BMP – Integrated Pest Management and BMP – Integrated Vegetation Management completed. A major thrust will be to work toward internationalization of standards and practices in tree care.

OSHA issues rule on Personal Protective Equipment – OSHA has announced a final rule on employer-paid personal protective equipment (PPE). Under the new rule, employers must provide employees with all PPE – with a few exceptions – free of charge. PPE rule takes effect on Feb. 13, 2008, OSHA is providing employers with up to six months, until May 15, 2008, to implement.

**Senate Bill 1717** (EAB funding) proposal has not gotten to a vote.

## Chapter NR 40-Invasive Species

WDNR is in the process of writing rules to administer the law; Chapter 22.22 Wis. Stats. on Invasive Species. Watch for public open houses in the month of January.

**SENATE BILL 297** authorizes DATCP to change by rule the annual license fees for nursery growers, nursery dealers, and Christmas tree growers; referred to committee on Agriculture and Higher Education. Public hearing held 12-05-07.

**AB 341** Relating to changing the time relating to when impact fees from developers for acquiring public park land, dedicating storm water treatment facilities to the public must be used. Placed on calendar 12-11-2007 by committee on senate organization.

## ISA Educational Goods and Services

- Products underway for 2007–2008
  - Municipal Certification Study Guide
  - Jim Urban soils book:
    - Up From Roots
  - Best Management Practices – Integrated Pest Management
  - Best Management Practices – Tree Preservation/Construction
  - Best Management Practices – Lightning Protection revision
  - 3 more Intro. to Arb. CD-ROM (Soil & Water, PHC, Tree Protection)
  - 2 CD-ROM in Spanish: Introduction to Arboriculture ID/Selection
- Other Projects
  - “Web of Arboriculture” free searchable database of research articles
  - Consumer pruning guide booklet
  - Online dictionary of arboricultural terms
  - Interactive consumer education Web site for [treesaregood.org](http://treesaregood.org)
  - Free online PowerPoint presentation project