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TOPCOAT is a concentrated formulation consisting of 100% active ingredients and designed to deliver long-lasting performance. 1-2 applications per season at standard rates can typically deliver adequate performance for most problematic soil conditions.

TOPCOAT chemistry is a compound molecular structure that embeds itself in the hydrophobic soil colloids while retaining moisture in the soil solution. TOPCOAT has been phyto-tested and approved for use on sensitive grasses such as bent-turf commonly found on golf course putting greens and tee boxes. TOPCOAT is approved for use on new seedings as well as established turf and crops.

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The hydrophobic soil condition severity can be influenced by irrigation practices, soil pH, sand particle size, and even the species of turf grass. It is thought that certain pesticides and fertilizers may also play a role in the development of LDS. Determining cause and affect may require extensive testing and administrative skills.