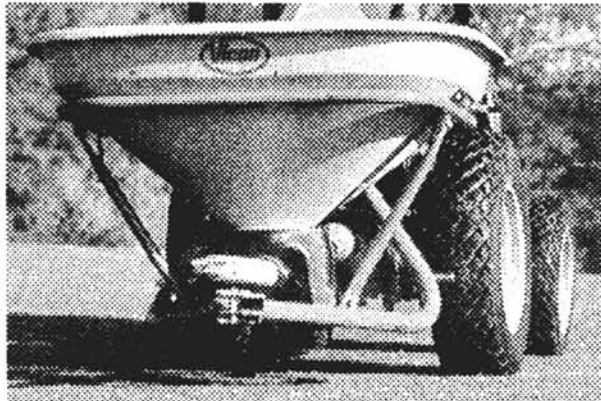


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Class B — Same as Class A except for:

a) if not protected from rainfall, volume of device must be equal to or greater than the volume of a 6-inch, 24-hour rainstorm.

b) The curbing and a sump system can be used to help achieve the volume required above. However the sump is only to be a transfer device, therefore, an above ground storage system would be needed to hold the washwater, rinsates, and the rainfall. This system may or may not be portable.

Class C — This class is to be designed for application devices greater than 100 gallons and 100 pounds. They need to be 1.25 times the length and width of the application device. A minimum of 120 gallons or 120% of the largest applicator volume is required. Rainfall requirements of Class B must also be met. The curbing and sump area may suffice for the volume requirements and this system is likely to be nonportable.

There is also a provision for two other special classes. They are experimental and other. The experimental class would allow for the development of any devices that would be considered to facilitate the improvement of containment technology. Experimental permits would not exceed 2 years. The other category would be a catchall type permit for special circumstances.

At this time concrete is considered the material to use in the construction of the permanent type facilities. If synthetic materials are being considered one must be certain that they are compatible with various compounds being used. The safest approach would be to get prior approval from the IDOA before purchasing such a device. The use of portable materials will require a very intense repair and maintenance schedule and manufacturers life expectancy guidelines kept on file.

Information relating to the construction of the above facilities can be attained from a book published by the Midwest Plan Service and available from the Agricultural Engineering Department at the University of Illinois. Ask for MWPS-37, *Designing Facilities for Pesticide and Fertilizer Containment*. Contact Bob Wolf at 1304 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Urbana, IL 61801 or by phone at 217/333-9418. The book sells for \$15.00.

Further information regarding the permitting process is available from the Illinois Department of Agriculture by contacting Gerald Kirbach at 217/785-0780.

A future article will concentrate on strategies for construction and the management and operations of washwater and rinsate collection devices.

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