Legal Requirements Related To Pesticides And Fertilizers

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture is the state agency that is responsible for regulating pesticides and fertilizers. The MDA wants to remind you that there are certain legal requirements related to pesticides

If your business is engaged in one or more of the following activities, it must have in place a current Plan for Pesticide and Fertilizer Storage, Handling, Disposal and Incident Response: commercial pesticide application; noncommercial pesticide application; structural pest control application; storage of bulk pesticides; or storage of bulk fertilizers, including anhydrous ammonia.

This Plan is a document that details: how you store, handle and dispose of pesticides and fertilizers how your facility will respond to pesticide or fertilizer spills quickly and effectively; who does what in the event of an emergency and who is responsible for performing such tasks during normal business hours.

Regardless of whether or not you store bulk pesticides or fertilizers, a Plan is prudent and a valuable part of planning and preparing for an emergency. The Plan needs to be revised annually.

The MDA routinely conducts inspections of applicator facilities and may take enforcement action including stopping of activities not in compliance with the requirements of the Minnesota pesticide and fertilizer laws.

For more information on Plans and other requirements go to the MDA web site at www.mda.state.mn.us. From the home page click on "Water and Land" and then under Environment click on "Agricultural Chemical Contaminated Site Cleanup". Scroll down to the Incident Response Program guidance documents, specifical-

Guidelines for Developing and Maintaining an Incident Response Plan (Short Form)

+ best for those with small packaged pesticides and fertilizers.

http://www.mda.state.mn.us/incidentresponse/responseplan.htm

Guidelines for Developing and Maintaining an Incident Response Plan (Long Form)

+best for those with bulk quantities of pesticides and fertilizers.

http://www.mda.state.mn.us/incidentresponse/responseplanlong.pdf

Reporting spills: Click on "Guidance Documents on General Information for Incidents", then click on "GD1-Guidance for Reporting Agricultural Chemical Incidents".

http://www.mda.state.mn.us/incidentresponse/gd01.htm

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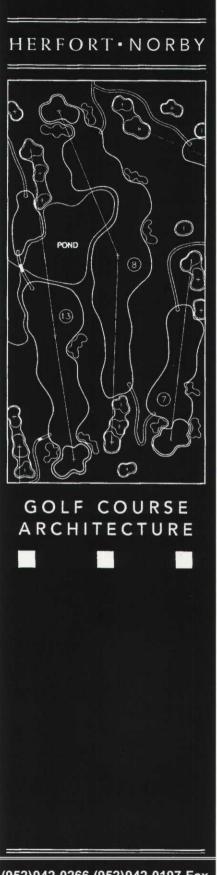
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