

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE AMMONIUM NITRATE SECURITY PROGRAM

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The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Ammonium Nitrate announced rulemaking to establish an ammonium nitrate security program; part of DHS's efforts to secure potentially dangerous materials. A DHS flier containing a schedule of DHS listening sessions on the proposed rule is available, although no sessions are scheduled in Minnesota.

Little ammonium nitrate is used in Minnesota, however, this information may be useful.

More information about the Ammonium Nitrate Security Program is available on the DHS web page. The link is <http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/ammonium-nitrate-security-program.shtm>.

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THE IMPRELIS HERBICIDE ISSUE, captured the attention of an interested crowd at the September 15 MTGF / UM Field Day at TROE Center in St. Paul.

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Great Fall Day Greet 129 Participants at Annual MTGF / UM Field Day in St. Paul

Early morning risers were greeted to a crisp, blue-sky day at the annual MTGF / UM Field Day at TROE Center on the University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus on September 15.

One hundred twenty nine people were involved with the event. This number includes 13 speakers, 46 vendors and 70 attendees.

Twenty vendors displayed their services and products during breaks and dedicated time.

An early morning talk about issues related to the application of Dupont's Imprelis herbicide packed the tent with interested people. The Imprelis herbicide is affecting Minnesota golf courses because it injures white spruce, white pine and various other conifer and deciduous plant materials.

Field Day is divided up into two categories: A Grounds track and a Turf track. Attendees visit various stations for 20 minutes and hear what the researchers have been working on throughout the past year.

The Grounds track featured a University of Minnesota grounds management research update tour and a diagnostic walking tour of landscape and pest problems.

Speakers on the Turf track talked about turfgrass acute drought survival; a dollar spot fungicide trial; NTEP ryegrass; bee friendly lawns; salt tolerant turfgrasses, and marketing and economics of low input turfgrasses.



PEOPLE-MOVERS were utilized to get folks around during Field Day at the University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus on September 15. **Below: Susie Johnson, Gertens,** (back to camera) represented one of 20 companies who displayed at this year's Field Day.



Above: Andy Hollman talks about his dollar spot fungicide trial. **Below: Brian Horgan, Ph.D.,** explains the nuances of turfgrass acute drought survival.

