

## Did You Know...? D.O.T. Regulations Affect You:

The watch word for pesticide use in these highly regulated times is "SAFETY" safety in handling, safety in storage and safety in transportation. In addition to personal and environmental protection, green industry professionals now must contend with an increasing number of federal laws. Many of these will change the way you handle, store and transport chemicals.

Among the federal laws are those governing the transportation of pesticides. These Title 49 restrictions are embodied in the federal Department of Transportation's Hazardous Materials Regulations, which are continually changing and expanding to touch every aspect of chemical transportation. Title 49 is not new, but simply part of a regulatory revolution taking place at all levels of the pesticide industry. New pesticide laws do not stop at the manufacturing level. They reach all the way down the distribution channel to you, the end user.

According to David Hibbs, Transportation and Safety Manager for Rhone-Poulenc Ag Company, "Title 49, HM - 181 regulations, which are now in effect and are being strictly enforced, place a great deal of responsibility and liability on anyone who ships or carries pesticides over a public roadway. For example, many of the products that a golf course superintendent puts in the back of his truck, without a second thought, have become D.O.T. regulated materials." That means that before a superintendent, or one of his employees, takes a load of pesticides away from a distributor, they must have first completed a mandatory pesticide transportation training program. He must also carry a detailed bill of lading, or manifest, describing the material being transported and appropriate emergency response information to be followed in case there is an accident. He may even have to have a commercial drivers' license and use warning placards, depending on the quantity of pesticides being transported.

Even return shipping a pesticide will require the person return shipping be trained and having completed the manifest before he can return it. The manifest describes the material by its proper shipping name, haz-

ard class, ID. number, packaging group, quantity, and type of container. It also must be accompanied by a signed certification stating that the shipper has abided by all applicable governmental regulations.

"The D.O.T.'s enforcement actions are increasingly aimed at the shippers. So we strongly advise superintendents who ship or transport hazardous materials to catch up on their training. D.O.T. is putting a lot of emphasis on training right now", explains Hibbs. Hibbs further adds that the penalties for not following the Title 49, HM - 181 regulations include fines up to \$250,000 per incident in civil cases and fines up to \$500,000 and/or five years in criminal cases.

New pesticide transportation rules won't make your job any easier. But with the federal governments' increasingly strict regulations, all green industry professionals would do well to familiarize themselves and their employees with Title 49.

Hazardous Material Transportation Regulations are located in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49, Subtitle B, Parts 100 - 180

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- June - Open Play
- July - 2 man Championship
- August - Mixed tournament
- September - Open Play
- October - Annual Championship
- November - Scramble
- December - Open Play