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Environmental Safety Checklist

Storage and Handling TipsPrevention of air, soil, and surface and groundwater contamination should be a top priority in the operation of your facility.

Liquid Fertilizer

Yes	No	Are all liquids inside a diked area?
Yes	No	Are fertilizer tanks maintained in a containment area separate from pesticide tanks? If fertilizer tanks are under roof, is the containment volume adequate to hold at least 110% of the largest single tank within the containment area (taking into consideration the displacement volume of all tanks within the area?)
Yes	No	If the containment area is not under a roof, is the containment volume adequate to hold the volume of the largest single tank within the containment area (taking into consideration the displacement volume of all tanks within the area), plus freeboard and rainfall amounts as prescribed by your state regulations?
Yes	No	Are all pipes, valves, and hoses located within a containment structure?
Yes	No	Is the containment structure inspected regularly for cracks or leaks?
Yes	No	Are leaks from tanks, pipes, valves, equipment, or containment structures repaired as soon as they are found?
Yes	No	Are spills immediately cleaned up?
Yes	No	Are any underground sumps periodically leak-checked with clean water?
Yes	No	Are contained fluids reused in product mixes?

Dry Fertilizer

Yes	No	Is all product stored under a roof?
Yes	No	Is rainwater diverted from contact with the product?
Yes	No	Is all spilled product immediately recovered and used?
Yes	No	Is fugitive dust contained from storage areas?
Yes	No	Is fugitive dust contained from transfer areas?

Pesticides

Yes	No	Are agrichemicals stored in a separate area to prevent possible contamination of animal, feed, grain fertilizer, or other materials?
Yes	No	Are flammable/combustible materials segregated from all ignition sources?
Yes	No	Are all bulk chemicals under a roof?
Yes	No	Is rainwater captured in your diked area collected for use in your application blends or mixes?
Yes	No	If pesticide tanks are under roof, is the containment volume adequate to hold at least 110% of the largest single tank within the containment area (taking into consideration the displacement volume of all tanks within the area?)
Yes	No	If the containment area is not under a roof, is the containment volume adequate to hold the volume of the largest single tank within the containment area (taking into consideration the displacement volume of all tanks within the area); plus freeboard and rainfall amounts as prescribed by your state regulations?
Yes	No	If the pesticide containment area is outside, do you have plans to bring it under a roof?
Yes	No	Are routine inspections made of the storage area to check for leaks and spills?
Yes	No	Are these inspections documented?
Yes	No	Are inspections filed on site?
Yes	No	Are leaks repaired immediately?
Yes	No	Are spills immediately cleaned up and the waste properly disposed?
Yes	No	Is the containment area equipped with a spill collection sump and holding tank?
Yes	No	Are all pesticide mini-bulk tanks stored in an area that would prohibit runoff into streams, ditches, or well heads?
Yes	No	Are contained fluids reused in product mixes?
Yes	No	Are packaged chemicals stored inside a secure building designed to hold water or other chemicals used in fire extinguishing?
Yes	No	Are all pesticide containers kept closed except during transfer operations?

Mixer and Loadout Areas

Yes	No	Is the mixer located within a containment area capable of holding its contents?
Yes	No	Is all product loading over a loadout pad with a collection sump?
Yes	No	Can the loadout pad containment system handle the volume of the largest transport truck?
Yes	No	Is the loadout pad constructed in a manner to prevent excessive drainage of a rainwater runoff onto its collection sump?

Rinsate Handling and Reuse

Yes	No	Is all equipment field-rinsed?
Yes	No	Is any equipment rinsed at the facility upon return from the field?
Yes	No	If rinsed at the facility, is rinsate collected and reused?
Yes	No	Is rinsate segregated by crop type to facilitate reuse?
Yes	No	Is all on-site equipment washdown done on a rinse pad?
Yes	No	Is all washwater/rinsate collected and reused?
Yes	No	Is a pump available for emptying the rinse pad sump?
Yes	No	Is the liquid collected from the rinse pad sump stored in an above-ground tank?
Yes	No	Is the rinsewater storage container connected to a mix tank to facilitate reuse?

Fuel Storage

Yes	No	Are all on-site fuel tanks located above ground and contained?
Yes	No	Are all underground storage tanks registered?
Yes	No	Are all underground petroleum tanks equipped with leak detection and corrosion protection systems?
Yes	No	Are fuel and product tanks and piping at risk from vehicle collisions?

Safety and Security Tips
A safe workplace is critical for the dealer and his employees.
Train and equip employees to recognize occupational hazards and to protect themselves and the facility from harm.

Yes	No	Are employees trained in proper handling of fertilizer and pesticide products?
Yes	No	Are employees trained to use protective clothing, eye protection, and safety equipment?
Yes	No	Do you have frequent, regularly scheduled employee safety meetings and training?
Yes	No	Are eye washes, safety showers, respirators, and other personal protective gear and equipment readily available and in good working order?
Yes	No	Do all employees use appropriate gear and equipment when handling products?
Yes	No	Have employees been instructed not to smoke or eat while handling pesticides?
Yes	No	Do you have Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) for all hazardous materials (such as pesticides, ammonia, or acids) used at the facility?
Yes	No	Are the MSDSs readily available to all employees?
Yes	No	Is the mixing area properly ventilated for hot mixing and pesticide handling?
Yes	No	Are appropriate warning signs regarding hazardous chemicals and no smoking areas prominently displayed?
Yes	No	Are all product storage tanks labeled properly by content?