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Responsible Ag
Shaping Our Image and Our Future

our **Challenges**
our **Image**
our **Future**

A GROWING RESPONSIBILITY



Committed. Compliant. Safe.

Regulatory compliance is the responsible thing to do
for our employees, customers and neighbors.



What is ResponsibleAg

- An industry-supported stewardship initiative.
- Assist fertilizer storage and handling facilities to achieve and maintain compliance with existing federal laws and regulations.
- Designed to identify areas of improvement and provide information and links to comply with existing federal laws and regulations.



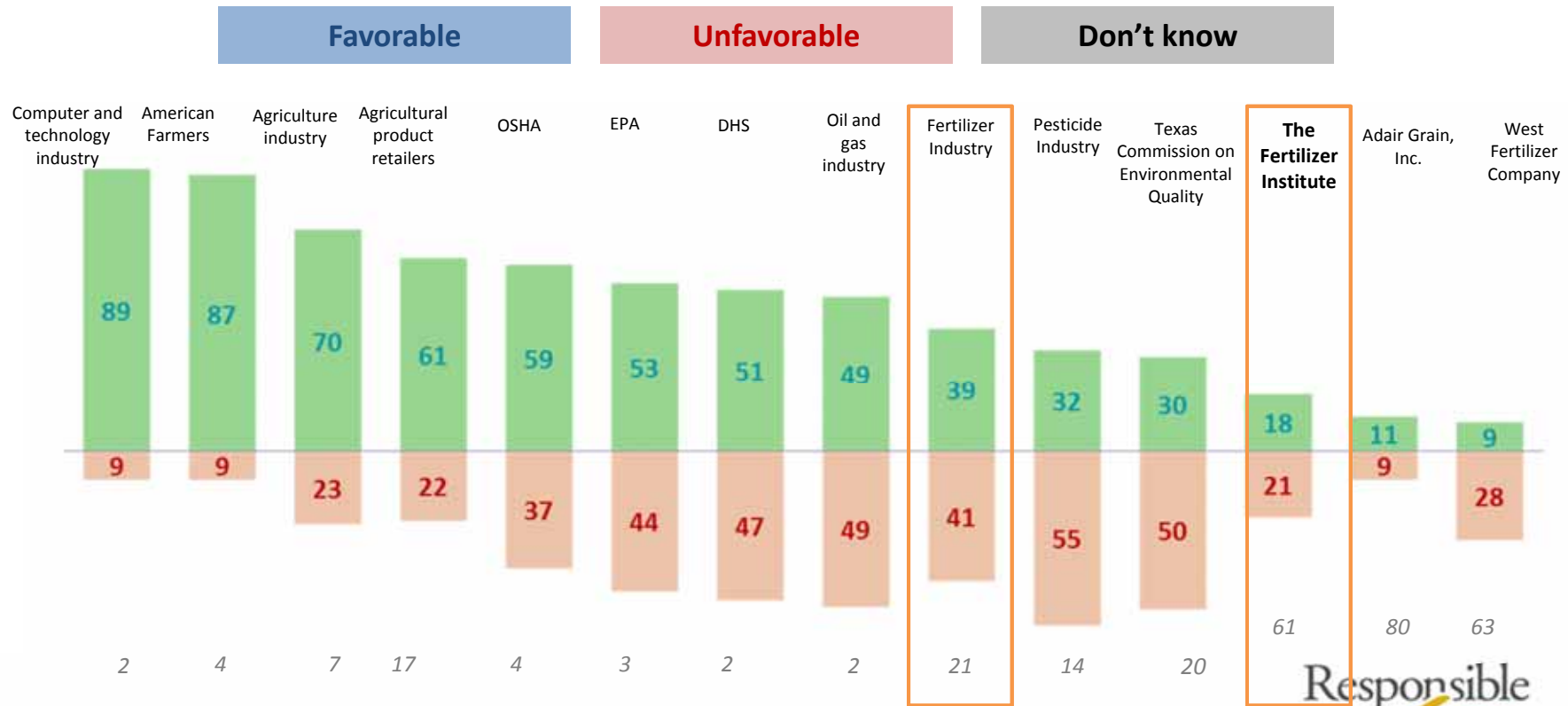
Timeline of Events

- **April 17, 2013:** West Fertilizer fire and explosion
- **August 2013:** Executive Order 13650 issued.
- **February 2014:** ARA, TFI officially organize ResponsibleAg.
- **March 2014:** Board of Directors named.
- **June 2014:** Executive Order Working Group issues report.



Public Perception Study

Do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very favorable view of these organizations or people? *Showing All, Baseline Favorability*



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Opportunity: Voluntary Action

- However, perceived resistance may harm the fertilizer industry

POTENTIAL INDUSTRY ACTIONS

If the fertilizer industry....how much more or less favorable would that make you toward the fertilizer industry
Showing Much more/Much Less favorable



What is ResponsibleAg

- Nonprofit organization, governed by a board of volunteer leaders.
- Participation open to Fertilizer manufacturers, distributors and retailers.
- Participation is voluntary.
- Registered facilities agree to an audit conducted by a ResponsibleAg-credentialed auditor every three years.
- Demonstrates responsibility and transparency



Who Is ResponsibleAg?

- **Chairman**
 - J. Billy Pirkle, Crop Production Services
- **Secretary**
 - Pete Mutschler, CHS Inc.
- **Treasurer**
 - Scott Rawlins, Wilbur-Ellis Company
- **Directors**
 - Alicia Duke, Simplot
 - Justin Gough, LSB/El Dorado Chemical Co
 - Dave Ito, Lyman/Tremont Group
 - Tim McArdle, Brandt Consolidated, Inc.
 - Rosemary O'Brien, CF Industries, Inc.
 - Rod Wells, GROWMARK, Inc.

Ex-Officio:

- Daren Coppock, Agricultural Retailers Association
- Chris Jahn, The Fertilizer Institute



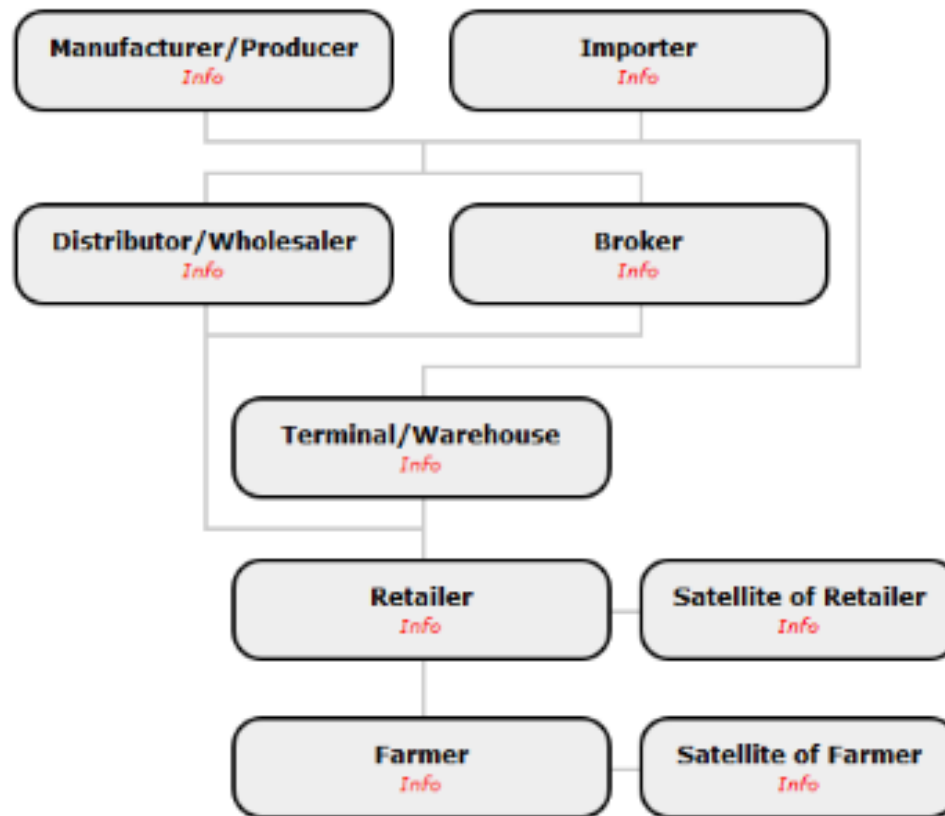
Who Is ResponsibleAg?

- **Technical Committee:**

- **Alicia Duke, J.R. Simplot Company**
- **Paul Baute, Grammer Industries**
- **Clark Capwell, The McGregor Company**
- **Anne Cook, The Andersons**
- **Randy Crowell, Tennessee Farmers Cooperative**
- **Vance Dann, Southern States Cooperative**
- **Paul Derig, J.R. Simplot Company**
- **Shawn Lambert, Co-Alliance**
- **Alan Mahoney, MFA**
- **Joe Register, RW Griffin Feed Seed & Fertilizer**
- **Gary Vogen, Yara North America**
- **Allen Summers, Asmark Institute**



Participation with ResponsibleAg?



Participation – ResponsibleAg.org

ResponsibleAG Visitors: 7228

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Latest News

- [ResponsibleAg Names Tim Consler as Executive Director](#)
- [ResponsibleAg Seeks Program Manager](#)
- [ResponsibleAg Board Meets, Elects Pirkle as Chair](#)
- [ResponsibleAg Initiative Launched at Senate Hearing on March 6](#)
- [First Class of ResponsibleAg Board of Directors Selected](#)
- [Ammonium Nitrate Guidance Document Now Available](#)

Registration

Register today and join thousands of others in the fertilizer industry committed to demonstrating a culture of safety, security and helping to assure compliance with the federal regulations. It's the right thing to do!



Compliance Resources

[ResponsibleAg Audit](#) Download Now

AN Guidance Booklet
Outlines best practices for the safety and security of fertilizer grade ammonium nitrate (FGAN) in storage and in transportation at fertilizer retail facilities.

ResponsibleAg Compliance Assessment Tool
This unique web-based tool will help you prepare for the ResponsibleAg audit by identifying the federal regulatory compliance requirements at a retail agricultural facility.

New

ResponsibleAg Twitter

Tweets Follow

 ResponsibleAg @ResponsibleAg
Don't delay, register today!
responsibleag.org/Training/
pic.twitter.com/rEEwvTokA3

4 Nov



Registration - ResponsibleAg?

Step 1. Verify Your Facility Information

Business Name:	<input type="text"/>	
Physical Address:	<input type="text"/>	(ex. 123 Main Street)
City:	<input type="text"/>	(ex. Springfield)
State:	<input type="text"/>	(ex. IL)
Zip Code:	<input type="text"/>	(ex. 42301)
Mailing Address:	<input type="text"/>	(ex. PO Box 123)
City:	<input type="text"/>	(ex. Springfield)
State:	<input type="text"/>	(ex. IL)
Zip Code:	<input type="text"/>	(ex. 42301)
Facility Coordinator:	<input type="text"/>	
Office Phone Number:	<input type="text"/>	(ex. 270-555-5555)
Preparer's Name:	<input type="text"/>	(Required for Confirmation)
Email Address:	<input type="text"/>	(Required for Confirmation)

Please click 'Continue' when you are ready to proceed to Step 2.

Continue



Auditor Training

- Individuals experienced in Environmental, Health & Safety may register for training course to become credentialed auditor.
- Auditors may be internal to the facility or an independent third-party.
- 4-day Auditor Training Class
 - Training Class: Nov 18 and Dec 2
- Instructors
 - Brian Miller, Industry member
 - Dr. Fred Whitford, Purdue University
- Only ResponsibleAg credentialed auditor complete facility Audits.



Ford B. West Training Facility



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Dedicated Classroom



Audits

- Facility Audits may be conducted by an internal or third-party auditor.
- Audits will be conducted by auditors who have completed ResponsibleAg training and passed testing on all federal regulations applicable to AN and NH₃.
- Audits comprise a comprehensive checklist of 320 questions based on federal regulations for safety, storage and handling of AN and NH₃.
- Training curriculum, testing and audit questions were reviewed by the ResponsibleAg Technical Committee.



Audits

- Audit results are posted quickly to a secure online database accessible only to you.
- Quality control: Independent sampling of credentialed auditors' assessments to verify accuracy, ensure program integrity and trust of auditor findings.



Audit by sections

Facility Information: **Samples Farm Service**
123 Main Street
Farmville, MN 55555

Manager: **John Smith**
555-333-1111

Facility Code
1030

Delete

(A) Office Area

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(B) Safety & Environmental
 (C) Maintenance Records
 (D) Shop Area
 (E) Gasoline & Diesel Storage
 (F) Propane Storage
 (G) Chemical Warehouse
 (H) Bulk Pesticide Storage
 (I) Dry Fertilizer Warehouse
 (J) Bulk Liquid Fertilizer Storage
 (K) Application Equipment
 (L) Bulk Transport & Field Storage Equipment
 (M) Forklifts, End Loaders & Yard Tractors
 (N) Anhydrous Ammonia Facility
 (O) Anhydrous Ammonia Nurse/Cargo Tanks
 (P) Commercial Motor Vehicles & Trailers
 (Q) Waste & Empty Container Management
 (R) Water Supply
 (S) Seed Warehouse

N/A

Question	
Access to the most current Federal OSHA Labor Law poster?	✎
Access to the most current Minnesota Labor Law posters?	✎
Occupational Injuries & Illnesses been posted during February, March and April of	✎
"quest" sign been posted in an area where it can be seen by customers and	✎
ty Data Sheets (MSDS) provided to all employees?	✎
the name of the visitor and the company they represent, date and time of arrival, departure?	✎
ed for use by employees that are readily available, physician-approved and	✎












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Has documented First-Aid Training been provided to those employees who are expected to respond to medical emergencies?

✎

Audit notes

A-60	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is a sign-in sheet utilized to log the name of the visitor and the company they represent, date and time of arrival, purpose of the visit and time of departure?	
A-70	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Have First Aid Kit(s) been provided for use by employees that are readily available, physician-approved and adequately stocked?	
A-80	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Has documented First-Aid Training been provided to those employees who are expected to respond to medical emergencies?	
		<div>Training documents missing for John.</div>	
A-90	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are fire extinguishers present in this area that have been properly selected, mounted, sized and marked to be readily available?	
A-100	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have all electrical panels and circuit breakers been properly marked and labeled?	
A-110	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the electrical circuit box unobstructed and accessible?	
A-120	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are electrical circuit box covers in place and all unused openings effectively closed?	
A-130	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all electrical outlets properly covered and grounded?	
A-140	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have Ground-Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI) and waterproof boxes been installed in all required applications that are exposed to moisture?	
A-150	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all extension cords free of splices, defects or exposed wiring and properly grounded and maintained in safe operating condition?	
A-160	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all exits clearly marked and conspicuously indicated?	

Facilitates notes.

Corrective Action

Responsible Ag 1030 Corrective Action Plan
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Facility: Sample Farm Service Audit Date: 6-3-2012 </div>

Question	Action Needed	DEADLINE	Date Corrected
A-30	Post the OSHA 300 Summary of Occupational Injuries & Illnesses during February, March and April of each year.	8/10/2012	
A-40	Obtain and post a "MSDS Available Upon Request" sign in an area where it can be seen by customers and employees.	8/10/2012	
A-50	Provide readily accessible and current Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) to all employees.	8/10/2012	
A-60	Provide a sign-in sheet to log the name of the visitor and the company they represent, date and time of arrival, purpose of the visit and time of departure?	8/10/2012	
A-90	Provide fire extinguishers in the office area that have been properly selected, mounted, sized and marked to.	8/10/2012	
A-180	Ensure all fixed stairs and ladders leading to elevated storage meet OSHA requirements.	10/9/2012	
A-190	Install railings, intermediate rails and toeboards on elevated storage areas that meet OSHA requirements.	10/9/2012	
B-60	Submit a Pesticide-Production Report annually to EPA.	8/10/2012	
B-110	Provide WPS notice of application information to farmers prior to making the commercial application of general-use and restricted-use pesticides.	8/10/2012	
B-160	Conduct and document an annual review of the Lockout/Tagout program and procedures.	6/18/2012	



Online Status

Facility Information: **Samples Farm Service**
123 Main Street
Farmville, MN 55555

Manager: **John Smith**
555-333-1111

Current Audit Status

Date of Audit : 09-13-2012
 Score : 73%

Outstanding Issues

Question Number	Question	Due Date	Completion Date	?
A-30	Has the OSHA 300 Summary of Occupational Injuries & Illnesses been posted during February, March and April of each year?	08-10-2012		?
A-40	Has a "MSDS Available Upon Request" sign been posted in an area where it can be seen by customers and employees?	08-10-2012		?
A-50	Is access to current Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) provided to all employees?	08-10-2012		?
A-60	Is a sign-in sheet utilized to log the name of the visitor and the company they represent, date and time of arrival, purpose of the visit and time of departure?	08-10-2012		?
A-90	Are fire extinguishers present in this area that have been properly selected, mounted, sized and marked to be readily available?	08-10-2012		?
A-180	Do all fixed stairs and ladders leading to elevated storage meet OSHA requirements?	10-09-2012		?
A-190	Have railings, intermediate rails and toe boards, constructed to OSHA specifications, been provided for each elevated storage area?	10-09-2012		?
B-60	Has the operating establishment submitted a Pesticide-Production Report annually to EPA?	08-10-2012		?
B-110	Are WPS notices of application information provided to farmers prior to making the commercial application of general-use and restricted-use pesticides?	08-10-2012		?
B-160	Has an annual review of the Lockout/Tagout program and procedures been conducted?	06-18-2012		?
B-190	Has an annual review been conducted and documented of the Confined Space program and canceled entry permits?	08-10-2012		?
B-220	Has a Respiratory Medical Evaluation with medical clearance by a physician been provided for employees required to wear a respirator?	08-10-2012		?
B-230	Has a respirator fit test been provided initially for applicable new employees and annually thereafter?	08-10-2012		?
B-250	Has the facility been evaluated for the requirements of a Hearing Conservation program, and developed a	10-09-2012		?



Certification

- Facilities that complete the Audit and deemed compliant will be ResponsibleAg certified.
 - May display ResponsibleAg logo with gold checkmark at the facility.
- Certification is valid for three years.



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