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MO-AG Winter Convention

It's that time again - - time for the MO-AG Winter Convention. The 2011 Convention is January 5-7th and is new and improved. The focus for 2011 is on more sessions that provide CEU's for Certified Crop Advisors. These sessions will cover a wide variety of subjects.

Representatives from Bayer Crop Science, Dow AgroScience, DuPont, John Deere, Monsanto, and Syngenta will be

discussing new products and services they provide. Representatives from Helena, MFA, University of Missouri, and EPA will be discussing the latest research and what you need to know regarding regulatory compliance.

You even can obtain CEU's for having lunch! Our luncheon speaker is Kellie Bray, Director of Government Affairs for Croplife America in Washington D.C. Kellie will be giving us an update on Croplife's new "Modern Agriculture" initiative, as well as discussing the latest issues. One major issue on which Croplife has been providing leadership is EPA's new regulation requiring a permit to apply pesticides. This will significantly impact all applicators. See the related story below.

During our Winter Convention, the new MO-AG Committees will be meeting for the first time with new leadership. Incoming MO-AG Board 1st Vice Chairman Brian Parman of Fertilizer Dealer Supply will be chairing the new Agricultural Production Committee, MO-AG Board Member Jason Paris of MFA will be chairing the Member Services Committee, MO-AG Board member Duane Simpson of Monsanto will be chairing the Government Affairs Committee, and Bill Dunn of MFA will continue to Chair the Transportation Committee. My thanks to all Committee Chairs for volunteering their time and talent. All Committees are open to all MO-AG members. Committee members are appointed by the MO-AG Board Chairman. If you would like to be on a Committee, please contact the MO-AG office.

Besides the new opportunities for business, there are still plenty of opportunities to mix in a little pleasure. The Lodge of Four

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Seasons at the Lake of the Ozarks is a great setting to kick back and relax with friends and colleagues. If you haven't registered, do so now! Registration forms are available on the MO-AG website ([click here](#)).

I'll see you at the Lake,
Steve

MEMBER NEWS

Extra S.T.E.P. Award Nominations Needed

The Mid America CropLife Association (MACA) and the Missouri Agribusiness Association (MO-AG) are pleased to sponsor the "**Taking the Extra S.T.E.P. Award.**" The Extra S.T.E.P. Award winner is not only meeting the state and federal laws, but takes the extra step to ensure good stewardship of the environment in their community. This is your chance to recognize and thank someone for going above and beyond by being a good steward of the environment in their community. This award is given annually at the MO-AG Winter Convention banquet. If you would like to nominate a retailer for this award, please email MO-AG by [clicking here](#).

REGULATORY NEWS

NPDES Pesticide Permit Requires Over 1 Million Hours and \$51 Million

On June 2, 2010, EPA announced the public availability of a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for point source discharges from the application of pesticides to waters of the United States. This permit is also known as the Pesticides General Permit (PGP). EPA's PGP regulates discharges to waters of the U.S. from the application of (1) biological pesticides, and (2) chemical pesticides that leave a residue. For more information on the proposed permit, [click here](#).

Recently, EPA released a proposed information collection request (ICR) estimating that the upcoming NPDES pesticide permit program will take over a million hours and cost more than \$50 million a year to collect, report and evaluate information. At a time when the economy struggles, these cost figures to implement new regulations seem amazingly high. However, many in the industry feel they are actually too low, given the scope of what is being proposed by EPA in implementing a national general permit for pesticide applications.

EPA is seeking public input that will allow it to evaluate the accuracy of its estimates. According to the Federal Register notice, the agency is particularly "requesting comments from very small businesses (those that employ less than 25) on examples of specific additional efforts that EPA could make to reduce the

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paperwork burden for very small businesses affected by this collection." Comments on the proposed ICR are due January 3rd 2011. For more information on the ICR and how to submit comments, [click here](#). [Source: MO-AG]

TFI Special Permit Update

The Fertilizer Institute (TFI) has advised us that Special Permit (SP) 13554 expired on October 31st. SP-13554 authorizes nurse tanks with a missing or illegible identification plate to continue in operation, as long as they are tested and pass an external visual test using the procedures in 49 CFR Section 180.407(d), a thickness test as specified in 49 CFR Section 180.407(i), and a pressure test as specified in 49 CFR Section 180.407(g). If your company requested party status through TFI, you are authorized to operate under SP-13554 after the expiration until the Department of Transportation (DOT) acts on TFI's request for renewal. TFI will notify companies that hold party status as they receive additional information from DOT regarding their request of renewal of the special permits. [Source: Asmark Institute]

EPA Extends Labeling Compliance Date

U.S. EPA announced it is amending the pesticide container and containment regulations to provide an eight-month extension of the labeling compliance date from December 16, 2010 to August 16, 2011. This change is being made to provide additional time for pesticide registrants to revise labels to bring them into compliance with the regulations and for EPA and states to review and approve the revised labels. This will also make this portion of the upcoming regulation consistent with the implementation of U.S. EPA's requirement on the collection and recycling of pesticide mini-bulk containers. [Source: Asmark Institute]

OSHA's New Penalty Policy In Effect

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) David Michaels stated in an October 6th speech, that OSHA's new penalty policy took effect last week. "While maximum penalties are still set by law at a very low level, administrative changes will reduce the level of reductions provided to employers. We are also working with the state plans to increase their penalty levels. As low as federal OSHA's penalties are, the average penalties in many of the state plans are many times lower," stated Michaels. Michaels went on to highlight the enforcement activities that OSHA is currently working on, including:

- National Emphasis Programs for oil refineries and highly hazardous chemicals

- Severe Violators Enforcement Program

"Enforcement remains a priority for us because it is a proven, useful deterrent, even for the best employers who may be tempted to defer maintenance or cut corners on worker training and safety procedures. The threat of enforcement and penalties reminds all employers to do the right thing for their workers," said Michaels. [Source: *Asmark Institute*]

OSHA Releases Top 10 Cited Standards

OSHA has published a list of its most frequently cited standards, as well as penalty amounts for fiscal year 2010. The Top 10 most frequently cited standards remain the same as last fiscal year, including the two construction standards (scaffolding and fall protection) that continue to top the list, and hazard communication which comes in third overall, but first in general industry. Top 10 most frequently cited standards:

- Scaffolding, general requirements, construction (29 CFR 1926.451)
 - Fall protection, construction (29 CFR 1926.501)
 - Hazard communication standard, general industry (29 CFR 1910.1200)
 - Ladders, construction (29 CFR 1926.1053)
 - Respiratory protection, general industry (29 CFR 1910.134)
 - Control of hazardous energy (lockout/tagout), general industry (29 CFR 1910.147)
 - Electrical, wiring methods, components and equipment, general industry (29 CFR 1910.305)
 - Powered industrial trucks, general industry (29 CFR 1910.178)
 - Electrical systems design, general requirements, general industry (29 CFR 1910.303)
 - Machines, general requirements, general industry (29 CFR 1910.212)

[Source: *Asmark Institute*]

EPA Extends SPCC Rule for Certain Facilities

The rule extends the date by which the owners or operators of certain facilities must prepare or amend and implement a SPCC plan by one year to November 10, 2011. The rule delays the compliance date by which facilities must address milk and milk product containers that are constructed according to the current applicable 3-A sanitary standards, and subject to the current applicable grade "A" pasteurized milk ordinance (PMO) or a state dairy regulatory requirement equivalent to the current applicable PMO, until one year after EPA finalizes a rule for these facilities. These amendments do not remove the regulatory requirement for owners or operators of facilities in operation before August 16, 2002 to maintain and continue implementing a SPCC plan in

accordance with the SPCC regulations then in effect. [Source: *Asmark Institute*]

NEWS YOU CAN USE

MO Governor Concerned Over Mississippi River Plan H

Missouri Governor Jay Nixon cautioned federal officials Tuesday about Missouri's concerns with the Upper Mississippi River Comprehensive Plan. Specifically, Nixon says, the proposal known as Plan H would raise levees along the northern parts of the river but would not make levee improvements along much of Missouri's Pike, Lincoln or St. Charles Counties (in northeast Missouri). Nixon, who wrote about the concerns to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works back in September, says Missouri landowners are concerned about possible flood risks and potential loss of tax base from such a plan. Standing on the banks of the Mississippi River at Clarkesville (Missouri) on Tuesday, Governor Nixon said Plan H could be "detrimental for businesses, families and farmers in northeast Missouri." Nixon added that Congress should "seriously consider every potential issue and risk" before taking any more federal action. Nixon says Missouri's must "have a voice at every stage" of the process. The St. Louis District of the US Army Corps of Engineers will hold an open house December 1st at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Old Monroe, Missouri about the comprehensive plan. [Source: *Brownfield*]

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER, 2010

22-23 University of Missouri - Delta Center Continuing Education for Certified Crop Advisors; Portageville, MO

DECEMBER, 2010

1-2 MU Crop Management Conference; Columbia, MO
5-7 Missouri Farm Bureau Annual Meeting; Osage Beach, MO
8-9 Fluid Technology Roundup; Fluid Fertilizer Foundation; Indianapolis, IN
17-18 Missouri Cattlemen's Association Annual Meeting & Trade Show; Columbia, MO

JANUARY, 2011

5-7 **MO-AG Convention; Lodge of Four Seasons; Lake Ozark, MO**
7-8 Missouri Land Improvement Contractors Annual Convention;

Ramada Inn; St. Joseph, MO
18-19 NW CCA Workshop; St. Joseph, MO

FEBRUARY, 2011

4 CCA Exam; Columbia, MO
9-10 2011 Missouri Pork Expo; Columbia, MO
11-13 Missouri Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers;
Lake Ozark, MO
25-27 Western Farm Show; Kansas City, MO

Note: Items in red are new postings since the last Wrap-Up issue.

JOB OPENINGS

Mid-West Fertilizer - Agronomist Job Description

Mid-West Fertilizer has an open position for an Agronomist in the southeast Kansas area. Looking for self motivated, self starting individual with experience and/or a degree in Agronomy. The position would include developing a close working relationship with producers in the area and working to develop our VRT/GIS based offerings. Contact Mid-West Fertilizer at 620-839-5251 for more details.

Butterfield & Associates Grain, Inc. & T&R Soil Service - Farm Consultant Job Description

Set up and administer seed programs for Monsanto (Dekalb and Asgrow) and Garst seed companies. This is to include sales of products, test plot planting and harvesting, yield checks, working with company reps to effectively implement programs.

Plan and administer Purina Mills and Land O' Lakes feed products and programs. This is to include sales, setting up feed trials and working with producers to customize cattle management and nutrition. Working with company rep in retail operations involving equine and pet food sales. The successful candidate will utilize resources and facilities of Butterfield & Associates Grain, Inc. and T&R Soil Service for 60% of time in seed and 40% in feed.

Salary and bonus compensation based on experience and knowledge. Position open immediately. Time allotment 50% @ Butterfield & Associates Grain, Inc. and 50% at T&R Soil Service. Must be able to attend product and sales training by suppliers; some overnight stays may be required.

Note: *If you have a job you would like listed on our website's classified page and in the Missouri Agribusiness Wrap Up, please email by clicking here.*

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