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### MEMBER NEWS

#### Preregistration Deadline Fast Approaching for 2010 MO-AG Summer Meeting

Time has almost run out. The preregistration deadline is Wednesday, July 14th for the 2010 MO-AG Summer Meeting. After July 14th, you will only be able to register at the Summer Meeting. To register for meals and activities, check out the registration form for the Summer Meeting by [clicking here](#) or call the MO-AG office at 573-636-6130.

#### 2010 MO-AG Recycling Program Set to Begin in August

The annual MO-AG Recycling Program for empty pesticide containers is set to begin in August. Schedules and bags have been distributed to the program participants. Please contact the MO-AG office at 573-636-6130 if you have registered for the program and have not received your bags or a schedule.

### REGULATORY NEWS

#### MERC Requests Emergency Response Plan

The Missouri Emergency Response Commission has sent letters out requesting Emergency Response Plans from facilities that store "extremely hazardous substances" such as Anhydrous Ammonia on behalf of the Local Emergency Planning Committees under regulation 40 CFR 355.30. If you do not have a plan, you can [click here](#) and complete a plan free of charge. The letter requests the plan be in a CD or electronic form only. However, MERC has

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assured MO-AG that printed copy will be accepted as well if CD or electronic form can't be obtained. If you have any questions regarding this request please contact the MO-AG office at 573-636-6130 or MERC at 573-526-9241.

### **USEPA Releases NPDES Permit**

EPA released the long-awaited draft NPDES permit on June 2, 2010 that will be required for certain pesticide applications. The permit would apply to the following uses: 1) mosquito or other flying insect control; 2) aquatic weed and algae control; 3) aquatic nuisance animal control; 4) forest canopy pest control. EPA is taking public comments on the draft permit until July 19th, including whether it should cover additional pesticide uses. EPA estimates the permit will apply to 35,000 pesticide applicators. The permit is scheduled to become effective on April 9, 2011. [Source: *Asmark Institute*]

### **Supreme Court Broadens OSHA Scope**

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia recently ruled that OSHA has the authority to impose on employers separate penalties for each employee affected by a violation of federal safety and health law. The National Association of Home Builders, with backing from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers, had challenged this authority when OSHA amended its standards in a final rule. The final rule, effective January of 2009, clarified that employers could be held liable on a per-employee basis for failing to provide training and respirators for employees. The rule amended 35 standards in Title 29 of Federal Regulations. The National Association of Home Builders is reviewing the decision to determine what action to take next. [Source: *Asmark Institute*]

### **EPA to Seek Employee Participation in Chemical Safety Inspections**

EPA has released interim guidance that would provide greater transparency in the agency's chemical safety inspections process. Under the

interim guidance, EPA inspectors will offer employees and employee representatives the opportunity to participate in chemical safety inspections. In addition, EPA will request that state and local agencies adopt similar procedures under the Risk Management Program. EPA believes that close involvement of employees and employee representatives in inspections is effective and better protects workers and the adjacent communities.

The interim guidance pertains to inspections conducted by EPA under the agency's Risk Management Program (RMP). Through this program, EPA seeks to reduce the risks to surrounding communities that arise from the management, use or storage of certain hazardous chemicals. Owners and operations of covered facilities must develop a risk management plan, which includes facility plans for the prevention and response to chemical accidents. Under the Clean Air Act, the Chemical Accident Prevention Provisions require facilities that produce, handle, process, distribute, or store certain chemicals to develop a Risk Management Program, prepare a risk management plan, and submit the plan to EPA. EPA expects to issue final guidance on participation of employees and employee representatives in RMP inspections later this year. [Source: Asmark Institute]

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### **USDA Announces Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program**

USDA is encouraging owners and operators of privately held farm, ranch and forest land to voluntarily provide public access to land for the enjoyment of wildlife-dependent recreation, including hunting or fishing, under programs implemented by state or tribal governments. Last Thursday, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack released the Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program, a competitive grants program that is only available for state and tribal governments. Applications for grant funding may be made through the federal government's grants portal by [clicking here](#).

Farm Service Agency Administrator Jonathan Coppess says that applications for the program,

known as "Open Fields," will be accepted through Aug. 23. "Open Fields is the first ever federal incentive program designed to encourage best management practices and sportsman access," said Whit Fosburgh, president and CEO of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership. "It doesn't create a new federal bureaucracy, but instead relies upon existing, and we hope, new state programs to protect landowners from liability and reward them for doing the right thing with their land."

Up to \$50 million is available through Fiscal Year 2012. Vilsack says this program, in addition to benefiting sportsmen and landowners, will also stimulate the rural economy. "The folks who are going to be having these hunting experiences are going to be coming from cities and suburbs," Vilsack said. "They are going to be stopping at the local supply store to buy shotgun shells, or to buy gas, or to spend a night in a hotel, or buy a couple of meals or some groceries. All of this stimulates the rural economy and helps support job growth. This is the kind of program that is so essential to bringing vitality back into rural communities." For more information on VPA-HIP and other FSA programs, visit FSA website by [clicking here](#). [Source: *Missouri Ruralist*]

## Crunch Time for an Energy Bill

For anyone hoping the United States Senate will pass an energy bill before they recess, the clock is ticking. "We are down to crunch time," said Tom Buis, CEO of Growth Energy. "We have less than a month, they will recess around the first week of August, and then after they come back in September it's mostly appropriations work and then you're in to the election so the days are numbered." Buis tells Brownfield they hope true leaders will step forward and work out a bi-partisan agreement to move energy legislation forward. And to help, Buis is encouraging farmers and ranchers to contact their elected officials. "It's worth stopping whatever they're doing today to make that phone call and say, let's get an energy bill passed," Buis said. [Source: *Brownfield*]

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

## **JULY, 2010**

**21-23 MO-AG Summer Meeting; Country Club Hotel;**

**Lake Ozark, MO**

27-30 MU Crop Injury and Diagnostic Clinic;  
MU Bradford Farm;

Columbia, MO

29 MCGA Golf Tournament; Chillicothe  
Green Hills Golf

Course; Chillicothe, MO

## **AUGUST, 2010**

12-22 Missouri State Fair; Sedalia, MO

## **SEPTEMBER, 2010**

1 Annual Delta Center Field Day;  
Portageville, MO

## **OCTOBER, 2010**

5 MU CAFNR Career Fair; Columbia, MO

6-8 Missouri Seedmen's Association Annual  
Meeting;

Resort at Port Arrowhead, Lake Ozark,  
MO

## **NOVEMBER, 2010**

18 ALOT Annual Meeting Seminar, Dinner  
and Auction;

Columbia, MO

## **JANUARY, 2011**

**5-7 MO-AG Convention; Lodge of Four  
Seasons;**

**Lake Ozark, MO**

## **FEBRUARY, 2011**

9-10 2011 Missouri Pork Expo; Columbia, MO

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

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## **Letters to the Editor**

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