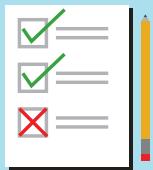


# ResponsibleAG

The national fertilizer retailer serves as the vital link to farmers, providing both fertilizer and technical advice on the most environmentally and economically sound use of the products they sell.

## THE RESPONSIBLEAG PROMISE

Dedicated to compliance education, ResponsibleAg promotes public welfare by assisting these agribusinesses as they seek to comply with the complex web of federal environmental, health, safety and security rules.



**Compliance assessment related to the safe storage and handling of fertilizers**



**Recommendations for corrective action where needed**



**Robust suite of regulatory compliance resources**

## COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

Fertilizer retailers must comply with hundreds of regulations from federal government agencies including:



Department of Homeland Security (DHS)



Department of Transportation (DOT)



Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA)

### THE RESPONSIBLEAG PROCESS

The program consists of a 320 question checklist of federal regulatory requirements. These questions are equipped to assess 17 types of facility areas including dry fertilizer, liquid fertilizer, anhydrous ammonia, shop, office and grounds.

#### HOW IT WORKS

- Participants may choose from two assessments:
  - Program specifically geared to fertilizer operations
  - Program that addresses regulations for both fertilizer and non-fertilizer products that the participating facility may handle
- A credentialed ResponsibleAg Auditor conducts assessments once every three years.
- Key findings are provided along with a web-based Corrective Action Plan listing any issues he or she has discovered.

### RESPONSIBLEAG AUDITOR:

Knowledgeable auditors are the cornerstone of the ResponsibleAg initiative. Each auditor must meet stringent qualifications prior to acceptance in the ResponsibleAg Credentialing Course. Issuing these credentials to experienced, industry knowledge-based professionals will assure excellence and consistency of assessments.

#### REQUIREMENTS

- Experience working within the agricultural inputs industry
- Experience working with environmental, health, safety, security or loss control issues
- Working knowledge of the basic related regulatory requirements and agencies
- Physically capable of climbing to elevated platforms, sometimes reaching 50 feet or higher
- Basic computer and Internet skills.

### RESPONSIBLEAG RESOURCES:

ResponsibleAg provides the very best in resources and information to help participants improve their level of compliance. Each question in the ResponsibleAg Assessment will be connected to a variety of resources.

#### RESOURCES

- ResponsibleAg Compliance Assistance Library
- Pictures
- Industry-standard materials
- Links to federal regulatory agency resources
- Important regulatory interpretations
- Frequently Asked Questions

The ResponsibleAg assessment is available to retail agribusinesses involved with the storage and handling of fertilizer. ResponsibleAg is supported by the entire fertilizer industry - manufacturers, importers, wholesalers, distributors and retail operations



ResponsibleAg, a non-profit organization founded in 2014, helps fertilizer retailers comply with various federal standards regarding the safe handling and storage of fertilizer products.



#### THE RESPONSIBLEAG GOAL:

Improve safety and security associated with storage and handling of fertilizer products

- Support compliance with federal regulations
- Demonstrate accountability and transparency
- Provide safety of employees, customers and communities
- Continue to serve the vital need of the agricultural community for crop nutrients.



#### THE RESPONSIBLEAG BRAND:

Participating in the ResponsibleAg Program will help assure community members, employees and emergency responders that retail agribusinesses are acting responsibly.

Agribusinesses are encouraged to publicize their participation in the program. Facilities that pass should use the ResponsibleAg Retailer logo on signage, employee clothing and other branded materials.

The auditor and the facility will negotiate audit costs, based upon the facility's size and location.

#### ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEES:

- **\$150** per retail facility or farm
- **\$100** for retail and farm satellite locations
- **\$5,000** for fertilizer manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors and importers



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