

ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERS

INDUSTRY INITIATED STEWARDSHIP

TWO PROGRAMS

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM—A WCPA
MANAGED PEER REVIEW



ENVIRONMENT PARTNERS— A DATCP
MANAGED RECOGNITION PROGRAM

GOOD GROOMING IS IN THE



EYES OF THE BEHOLDER

Ambassador Program

- A collaboration between WCPA and DATCP
 - Promotes increased involvement in EP
 - Allows WCPA to directly assist in the financial success of their members
 - Provides, through WCPA, recognition for stewardship above and beyond the rules
- Ambassador Training
 - DATCP containment rules
 - Concepts of Environmental Partners

The Ambassador site review

- Ambassador visits site
 - reviews handling areas with operator
- Primary goal
 - ID bulk rule violations
- Secondary
 - ID good practices
 - Suggest improvements



Ambassador/EPP Participant Facility Review



This review form is used to identify non-rule related / innovative practices that are being used or planned for implementation by participants.

Please complete one Review Form for each of the areas you evaluate. A list of areas that need to be evaluated are provided below. Some facilities may have more than one of a certain area (ex. two liquid pesticide mixing and loading pads) or an area not provided on the list below. In these situations, be sure to provide some method of clearly identifying the area being reviewed.

- Dry Fertilizer Load in
- Dry Fertilizer Load out
- Dry Fertilizer Building
- Dry Fertilizer Blending/Impregnation Pad
- Liquid Fertilizer Mixing and Loading Pad
- Small Container Storage/Recycling/Disposal Area
- Fertilizer Secondary Containment
- Pesticide Secondary Containment
- Pesticide Mixing and Loading Pad
- Anhydrous Ammonia Unload and Load Area
- Dry Fertilizer Railcar Unloading Area
- Liquid Fertilizer Railcar Unloading Area
- Equipment Parking Area
- Overall Site

When assessing an area try to identify both environmentally beneficial practices being employed at that area as well as practices that could be strengthened or modified to reduce the potential for contamination. Explain these in the space provided on each form. Below are some questions for you to consider as you assess each area. Most of these questions relate to both pesticides and fertilizers.

- Can spilled pesticide or fertilizer be easily recovered? Why or why not?
- How is dust managed at the location?
- How are spills cleaned up?
- Is there equipment available to clean up spills?
- How is application equipment, tanks, etc. cleaned?
- What unique practices are used at the site to help keep it clean?
- What happens with cleaning water?
- Are pesticides or fertilizers stored underground?
- How is rainwater handled?
- What training is provided to employees?
- Can handling practices be simplified to reduce chances of release?
- Does topography create precipitation problems (puddles, run-off, etc.)?
- How is sludge and grit handled?
- What incentives are there for employees to keep the facility clean?

The Environmental Partners Assessment

- Usually But Not Always After Ambassador review, with DATCP staff.
- Review of all chemical handling areas with operator
- Objectives
 - identify good practices
 - suggest improvements beyond rules, to help keep site clean

Voluntary Process

- Any fixes or improvements are suggested, not required
 - Simple / inexpensive
 - brooms, dust controls, caulking, minor concrete repairs
 - Complicated (costly-engineered solutions)
 - Drainage problems, containment expansions
- Facility chooses improvements they wish to make, sets own schedule

FREEDOM IS SPONTANEOUS SUBMISSION TO THE WILL OF GOD

Thomas Aquinas



170 AGRONOMY PLANTS IN WISCONSIN

BECAUSE THESE PLANTS HANDLE PRODUCTS

PERCEIVED AS A **POTENTIAL HAZARD** TO THE
ENVIRONMENT

APPROPRIATE **STEWARDSHIP**

IS AN **EXPECTATION.**

EXPECT—to look forward to as likely or proper.

Latin roots mean to “look OUT”.

“Don’t expect—inspect”



INSPECT—to look at carefully and critically.

Latin roots mean to “look in”.

CREATION STORY



**Anyone remember Atrazine and
Tom Dawson?**

**“Because Anhydrous spills up
—not down—that’s why.”**

B. Barganz

Could WCPA provide a peer review system of site visits?

Could DATCP provide a non-inspection site assessment?

CURRENT STATUS

WHERE WE WOULD LIKE TO GO FROM
HERE....???

TARGET

5 to 10 Ambassador Visits per Year



3 to 7 Environmental Partners Assessments per year

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO REQUEST A
VISIT.....

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There is no “out of pocket” cost to you for participating.

You can only participate of your own free will.

**THANK YOU FOR
LISTENING**