

Farmers & Agri-Businesses urged to Review New Department of Homeland Security Chemical Guidelines (Thursday 12/20/2007 12:00PM)

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New alert sent out from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security may have impact on Montana agri-businesses and producers across the state. Agricultural extension personnel, producers, and agri-businesses should review the guidelines set forth by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and determine if they qualify or their clients qualify for and will be affected by this new regulation.

This effort has been initiated to increase the security of high risk chemicals / products that could be used in a terrorist attack. If an agri-business or producer possesses these high-risk chemicals at or above a defined threshold, then it would require them to complete a Chemical Security Anti-Terrorism Top-Screen Assessment. Some common agricultural chemicals that are part of this list are:

- Chlorine--2,500 pounds (bulk, not bagged or in some other transportation package)
- Chlorine--500 pounds (bagged, on a trailer, or in some other transportation package)
- Anhydrous ammonia--10,000 pounds (4 typical pull behind tanks, completely loaded)
- Ammonium nitrate--2,000 pounds (bagged, on a trailer, or in some other transportation package)
- Potassium nitrate--400 pounds (bagged, on a trailer, or in some other transportation package)
- Sodium nitrate--400 pounds (bagged, on a trailer, or in some other transportation package)

Failure to comply could result in civil penalties of up to \$25,000 per day or closure of the operation. All individuals that may be affected by this are urged to review the [Homeland Security Chemical Security](#) website. The deadline for complying with these new regulations is January 21st.

MSU strongly urges all Montana agri-businesses and producers to take this seriously and review whether they fall under this federal requirement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact the U.S. Department of Homeland Security if you have any questions (Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards; 866/323-2957), or consult the "HOW TO COMPLY with the Chemical Facilities Anti-Terrorism Standards" report at ([CFATS HOW TO COMPLY](#)) for more information regarding this new law).