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## ***myRMP 4.0* Garners U.S. EPA Support**

### *New Version of Risk Management Program Tool Assists Helps Retail Agribusinesses Comply with Complex Regulation*

Washington, D.C. - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has communicated agency support for the fourth edition of ***MyRMP Suite of Guidance Materials***, an online program developed by The Fertilizer Institute (TFI) and the Asmark Institute to simplify and facilitate compliance with EPA's Risk Management Program (RMP) Rule.

The RMP rule requires facilities that handle anhydrous and aqua ammonia in threshold quantities to prepare a risk management plan. Plans include several requirements that support the development and implementation of an accident prevention program designed to prevent a "worst case scenario" release of either product. Compliance with the RMP rule provides unique challenges to some agribusiness retailers who might not have the resources to engage a consultant to model site-specific impacts of a "worst case scenario" release. To encourage widespread utilization, this tool is available free of charge on [TFI's website](#) as well as [EPA's website](#).

In a letter to TFI President, Chris Jahn, EPA Director, Regulations Implementation Division, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) R. Craig Matthiessen wrote, "In addition to a comprehensive update to existing ***myRMP*** guidance materials, the recent update provides a new interactive hazard review approach for facilities in the ammonia fertilizer industry and incorporates additional new materials for fertilizer facilities subject to RMP Program 3 requirements. EPA believes these improvements have enhanced an already very useful set of regulatory guidance materials and will continue to make the ***myRMP*** compliance

materials a viable compliance resource for the regulated community.”

“Retailers are essential to our food production system and to local economies across the nation,” said TFI President, Chris Jahn. “By partnering with Asmark Institute and EPA to update **MyRMP**, we hope to help ensure that regulatory compliance is as simple and cost-effective as possible for these businesses.”

An innovative suite of web-based guidance sponsored by The Fertilizer Institute (TFI) and developed cooperatively with Asmark Institute, **myRMP** is designed to meet the specific needs of agricultural retailers as they work to comply with the RMP rule. Users of the 4.0 version of the tool benefit from the accumulated knowledge gained by the industry since the rule’s inception in 1999. Of particular note, the tool incorporates changes based upon actual experiences retailers have encountered in working with different EPA Regional Offices to comply with the rule.

“Any performance-oriented requirement is only as good as its implementation,” said Allen Summers, President of the Asmark Institute. “Accordingly, **myRMP** has been developed with a special emphasis on education and personalizing the experience and materials to a specific facility.”

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