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Asmark Institute offers Piping and Instrumentation Diagram Service

Owensboro, Kentucky -- The Asmark Institute announced today a new service to help retailers comply with Process Safety Management (PSM) requirements to have a Piping & Instrumentation Diagram (P&ID) and Block Flow Diagram for their anhydrous ammonia installations. Professionals available to draft these diagrams are in short supply, and can be quite expensive.

A P&ID is a diagram (not a site plan) that visually represents the equipment and piping present in a PSM-regulated process. Graphic symbols are used to denote the appropriate equipment and piping. The P&ID is one of the first elements of process safety information that should be completed, as it plays an integral part in developing other requirements of PSM such as Mechanical Integrity, Process Hazard Analysis and the Operating Procedures.

The Block Flow Diagram is designed to help the employees and contractors potentially affected by highly hazardous chemicals understand how the process works.

The Asmark Institute website allows single facility retailers, as well as multi-location EHS staff to manage facilities, under one account. Asmark Institute is offering this service for a limited time. Diagrams are drafted on a first-come, first-served basis.

More information is available on the Asmark Institute website by clicking on the MyPSM+RMP logo. This service complements the ResponsibleAg Certification Program as it includes an enhanced version of the new MyPSM+RMP Guidance Materials free with each facility registered. The MyPSM+RMP materials are supported by both the Environmental Protection Agency and Occupational Safety and Health Administration for use at agricultural retailers.

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About the Asmark Institute

Asmark Institute, Inc. is a national resource center serving the retail agricultural industry, consisting of retail agribusinesses, state and national trade associations, educational institutions and government agencies. The Institute provides compliance materials and services, develops common sense solutions to new regulatory requirements, assists the government in its mission of protecting life, property and the environment, monitors enforcement activity for uniformity, supports industry efforts to arrive at fair and reasonable regulation and provides a wealth of unique resources to give wings to the ideas designed to help lift an industry. The Institute is a private, not-for-profit organization that provides a forum for organizations to effectively collaborate on issues for the benefit of the retail agricultural industry.