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Owners of pesticide bulk storage facilities need to certify compliance with new regulations by December 27 TOPEKA - Owners of existing bulk pesticide storage facilities have until Dec. 27 to certify they are in compliance with load pad and secondary containment regulations that went into effect earlier this year, or to certify how their facility will be modified to achieve compliance.

To help facility owners determine if they are affected by the new regulations, the Kansas Department of Agriculture's pesticide and fertilizer program has posted to its website easy-to-follow flow charts that list the criteria that trigger the need for secondary containment. The website is at www.accesskansas.org/kda/Pest&Fert/Contain.htm

The website also has links to application forms that must be used to submit new facility construction plans, or plans to modify existing facilities, to ensure they comply with applicable statutes. Applications come with detailed instructions to ensure that applicants provide sufficient information for department staff to conduct independent engineering reviews of containment systems, structures and operational practices.

The new bulk pesticide containment and load pad regulations were adopted earlier this year after several years' work between the department and stakeholder and producer groups. They reflect the department's current responsibilities and take into account changes in technology.

Questions about load pad and secondary containment regulations for bulk pesticide storage facilities should be directed to Diana Keller at (785) 296-3454.

Sincerely,

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