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A five-minute summary of industry activities for members of the largest state agribusiness association in the nation.

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HAZMAT Materials Handling Workshop April 6-8

The Agribusiness Association of Iowa is holding a HAZMAT Materials Handling workshop April 6-8, 2010 at the Ag Information Center in Nevada, Iowa.

There have been many changes to regulations concerning pesticide containers and containments, a representative from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be on hand to discuss the latest rules. A few of the topics that will be covered by the EPA are state and federal pesticide containment regulations, requirements for secondary containment and pads, and refillable pesticide containers. The HAZMAT Materials Handling workshop will also discuss how your company can get into and stay

into compliance with the US DOT. A few of the topics to be covered by HAZMAT officers and the US DOT are: how to use the CFR 49 parts 100-185 book, shipping papers, and labeling. There will also be a discussion of any changes in HAZMAT regulations.

The HAZMAT Materials Handling workshop will take place on April 6-8, 2010 from 8 am - 4 pm each day at the Ag Information Center in Nevada, Iowa. The tuition fee of \$225 per participant. Tuition covers educational materials, including a copy of the CFR49 parts 100-185, breaks and lunch. **A registration form is attached, or you can call the AAI office at 515.262.8323 to register.**

Spring Flooding Precautions and Actions to Take

Spring flooding is already becoming an issue across Iowa, and the situation doesn't appear to be getting much better anytime soon. Don't let flooding take you or your business by surprise, prepare for the worst in advance and hope for the best.

Kevin Klommhaus, Iowa Department of Agriculture's Feed and Fertilizer Bureau, gave an updated on flood related issues this week to AAI's Feed & Livestock Committee meeting. His latest flood outlook says that there is a continued high risk of significant flooding. The risk of major flooding has increased even higher since the last outlook on February 19, 2010. The areas of greatest concern for significant flooding include the Des Moines, Raccoon, Iowa and Cedar River basins. There is also an above normal risk of flash flooding, especially from ice jams.

Klommhaus said emergency coordinators have learned from the floods of 2008 and have been working. He also outlined a few concerns he has for the ag sector so that companies can address these issues in their contingency and emergency management plans. Areas of concern are:

- Road embargos on secondary roads. Road embargos could become a major issue statewide with flooding and can last up to 90 days per

embargo.

- Feed facilities taken out of service due to potential flooding. All feed facilities should establish a contingency plan to make sure the animals get the necessary feed if the business is taken out of service for a few days.
- Anhydrous ammonia and nurse tanks floating down the river in flood prone areas. If you have tanks in flood prone areas, consider moving them to higher ground. Contact Kevin Klommhaus at 515.242.6338 or kevin.klommhaus@iowaagriculture.gov before you move any tanks to make sure you are following the correct procedure.
- Flooded grain and contaminated water being used at milking stations are two additional concerns.

Klommhaus suggested that you review your contingency and emergency plans, and one of the first things you should do is get to know your county's emergency coordinator. The county emergency coordinator is the first in the chain of command to get you state and federal assistance. For more information, contact Kevin Klommhaus at 515.242.6338 or email him at kevin.klommhaus@iowaagriculture.gov.

Iowa Transportation Commission to Hold Public Input Meeting

The Iowa Transportation Commission will hold a public input meeting in Marshalltown Tuesday, April 13, to hear about transportation matters from representatives of local government, interest groups and individuals. Items that may be discussed at the meeting include the State Transportation Improvement Program; transportation policies; and highway, aviation, rail, river, and transit issues. A brief business meeting will begin at 8 a.m. with the public input meeting to immediately follow.

The public input meeting will be held at the Best Western Regency Inn, 3303 S. Center St., Marshalltown. For more information concerning the meeting, or to obtain a scheduled time on the agenda, contact the Iowa Department of Transportation's Office of Program Management, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50010, telephone 515-239-1148, fax 515-239-1975, e-mail donald.tebben@dot.iowa.gov. Please include the time period you prefer and general topic you wish to discuss. The statements, presentations or suggestions should be 20 minutes or less.



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Webinar Covers Spring Management Issues of Stored 2009 Grain

Dr. Charles Hurburgh's presentation to the Southeast Iowa Research Farm is now online and can be viewed as a webinar. The presentation covered current grain storage and management issues. He also made recommendations for managing the 2009 grain at this time of year, when Iowa grain managers move from winter maintenance to spring holding.

This has been an extremely difficult year for grain storage. Corn was harvested wet and not all was dried because of dryer capacity

shortages. The cold growing season decreased test weights, which naturally reduced storage life.

The webinar can be viewed at:

<http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/p72291359/>, and covers moisture migration, what to look and smell for when checking stored grain, and how to correct storage problems. These are things that need to be done now in order to handle problem situations that are growing in bins across Iowa.

Northey Comments on Iowa DOT Suspension of USDOT Number Requirement

The Iowa Department of Transportation's (DOT) Office of Motor Vehicle Enforcement (MVE) has suspended the USDOT number requirement for intrastate, private motor carriers operating in Iowa, pending further public outreach and education, as reported in an AAI Regulatory Update sent February 26th.

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey said he supports the DOT's decision to suspend the requirement, "I had heard from farmers during my town meetings across the state expressing concern about DOT's number requirement and the impact it could have. I applaud DOT for suspending this requirement and giving more time for outreach and public comment. It is important that farmers are able to understand and comment on this requirement."

Chief David Lorenzen, director of the Iowa DOT's Office of MVE, explained: "Development and implementation of an intrastate, private motor carrier compliance review program remains an important part of the total commercial motor vehicle safety package in Iowa. However, some stakeholder groups have expressed concerns that deserve further discussion, and it appears that there is some confusion regarding what vehicles and operations constitute commercial motor vehicle operation subject to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR) adopted by the Iowa Code that we first need to address. Therefore, the Iowa DOT has decided to suspend implementation of this component of the USDOT number requirement until it has an opportunity to consider these concerns and undertake appropriate education and outreach."

No new date has been set for implementation of the numbering requirement. A decision on whether, and during what time period, to implement the numbering requirement will be made once the Iowa DOT has had the opportunity to discuss the issue further with affected stakeholder groups.

Suspension of this requirement means that intrastate, private motor carriers operating in Iowa will not be asked to obtain a USDOT number between now and Jan. 1, 2011, and will not be issued a citation for failing to display a USDOT number after Jan. 1, 2011. Additionally, the Iowa DOT will not be issuing warnings, verbal or written, to intrastate, private motor carriers for failing to display a USDOT number. If you are an intrastate, private motor carrier operating in Iowa and have already obtained a USDOT number, you do not need to cancel the number at this time. It will not trigger any new or different safety or operating requirements and will remain available to you in the future. You are not, however, required to display the number on any vehicles at this time.

Suspension of this requirement does not in any way affect, waive, or suspend the requirement for intrastate, private motor carriers to operate in compliance with the FMCSR adopted by Iowa Code and made a part of Iowa law. Likewise, this suspension does not in any way affect, waive or suspend the requirement to display a USDOT number for interstate commercial motor carriers or intrastate, for-hire motor carriers. All commercial motor vehicles operating interstate or for-hire intrastate are currently required to be marked with the operating motor carrier's name and USDOT number, and that requirement will continue.

If you have questions as to whether you are required to obtain and display a USDOT number, or whether and what part of the FMCSR apply to you, you may contact the Iowa DOT's Office of MVE by mail at P.O. Box 10473, Des Moines, IA 50306-0473; by telephone at 515-237-3247 (Des Moines) or 800-925-6469 (toll free in Iowa); or by e-mail at omve@dot.iowa.gov.

NGFA Elects Members to Board of Directors

Members of the National Grain and Feed Association (NGFA) elected 15 industry leaders to serve on its 60-member Board of Directors during the organization's 114th annual convention this month.

Duane Madoerin, merchandising manager for Gold-Eagle Cooperative in Goldfield, Iowa was one of the 15 industry leaders elected to a three-year term on the

NGFA Board of Directors. Both Gold-Eagle Cooperative and Madoerin have been strong supporters and members of the Agribusiness Association of Iowa. Madoerin is also Co-Chair of AAI's Alternative Fuels Subcommittee.

Congratulations Duane on your election to the NGFA Board of Directors!

Upcoming AAI Committee Meetings & Events

- [Legislative Committee Meeting](#): March 24, 2010, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, AAI Office, Des Moines, IA
- [Agronomy Committee Meeting](#): March 30, 2010, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, AAI Office, Des Moines, IA
- [AAIS Board Meeting](#): April 6, 2010, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, AAI Office, Des Moines, IA

For additional information and to view more upcoming events, go to the AAI website at www.agribiz.org for.