

STORING AND TRANSPORTING PESTICIDES AND FERTILIZERS

Wis. Adm. Code § ATCP 29.40, 29.45, 29.47, and ATCP 33

A person storing or transporting pesticides must do all of the following:

- 1. Store and transport pesticides according to label directions. Avoid reasonably foreseeable and preventable hazards to person, property and the environment.
- 2. Secure pesticides and pesticide containers against access by children, the general public, domestic animals and wild animals.
- 3. Keep pesticides adequately separated from food, feed and other products so that the pesticides will not contaminate or be mistaken for those products.
- 4. Clean pesticide residues from storage areas and transport vehicles before reusing those storage areas or transport vehicles for other purposes.
- 5. Immediately take appropriate measures to contain and recover spills and clean surfaces exposed to spilled pesticide.
- 6. Protect pesticide containers and labels from damage or destruction.
- 7. When removing pesticide containers from their outer shipping containers inspect to ensure that the pesticide is intact, properly sealed, and that labels are legible.

Suggestion – Only purchase the amount of pesticide you need. Pesticides stored for a long time may be less effective, and may pose an environmental or safety hazard. Store pesticides in their original containers. Do not store pesticide in unmarked containers.

Who needs a secondary containment area (dike) or mixing loading pad?

You must have containment to handle and store liquid pesticides (or fertilizers) in containers larger than 55 gallons or dry bulk pesticide in undivided quantities greater than 100 pounds. Store these bulk products according to ATCP 33, Wis. Adm. Code. Portable containment units for minibulk containers are available on the market.

If you immediately anchor to a vehicle, trailer or axles a bulk storage container that can be readily transported when full (definition of a mobile container, e.g. minibulk or tote), the mobile container cannot be parked at the business' location unless a compliant containment pad is on site. If the mobile storage container is parked off site and other than the field of application the following restrictions apply:

- 1. The person who owns or controls the parking location, or receives the unloaded (bulk) fertilizer or pesticide, is not engaged in the manufacture or distribution of (bulk) fertilizer or pesticide.
- 2. The (bulk) fertilizer or pesticide is mixed/loaded into application equipment with the consent of the person who owns or controls the parking or mixing/loading location.
- 3. The mixing/loading from the mobile bulk container does not occur for more than 3 persons or for more than 500 acres, in any calendar year.
- 4. The mobile bulk container, if unloaded for any person other than the person who owns or controls the parking location, has a capacity of no more than 500 gallons.
- 5. The mobile bulk container is parked at the location for no more than 7 days.

For assistance contact the DATCP containment specialist at (608) 224-4518.