

## IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION – Managers should read this!

To All Anhydrous Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) Distributors – October 4, 2010

The MDA will be performing NH<sub>3</sub> equipment and storage facility inspections this fall at many facilities throughout the state. Sites that have not been inspected for several years and sites with a history of violations will be inspected as a priority. Some of you may already have received a pre-inspection notification letter this spring.

You can minimize or avoid enforcement for equipment and storage facilities that are out of compliance by following the *MDA's NH<sub>3</sub> Service Status Policy*. Using the *MDA's NH<sub>3</sub> Service Status Policy* is entirely voluntary; however, **the MDA strongly recommends that you use the policy.**

**Tag** “Out of Service” tanks and equipment. The MDA recommends using durable tags for attachment to the equipment and storage facility that is “out of service. Here is an EXAMPLE of an “Out of Service” tag:

<b>NH<sub>3</sub> OUT OF SERVICE TAG</b>
<b>Facility/Owner:</b>
<b>Date:</b>
<b>Equipment ID:</b>
<b>Authorized By:</b>
<b>Do Not Fill, Use, Or Remove This Tag Until NH<sub>3</sub> Equipment Or Storage Facility Is In Full Compliance.</b>

### **OUT OF SERVICE Categories**

#### ***“Out of Service” Category – Use for NH<sub>3</sub> Equipment Only***

[Less than 10% product in tank, toolbars pressure relieved, hoses removed, tagged, and valves locked out]

#### ***“Zero Product/Pressure” Category – Use for Both NH<sub>3</sub> Equipment & Storage Facilities***

[0 pressure/0 product, hosing, break-away coupling devices, and cold-flow unit, etc. removed]

**Be aware that tanks in either OUT OF SERVICE category must not be used to store NH<sub>3</sub>.**

**For more information:** Review the fact sheet on the other side of this notification.