

AASA Inspections in Wisconsin This Year

This summer the American Agronomic Stewardship Alliance (AASA) will be inspecting bulk pesticide storage facilities in many states, and Wisconsin is one of them. AASA last inspected Wisconsin bulk pesticide storage facilities in 2015.

The AASA inspections are no charge to the ag retailers or distributors. The pesticide manufacturers who ship bulk product to you are requesting and funding the inspections to ensure your facilities are in compliance with federal laws for repackaging and containment. This is an industry program, it is NOT a government inspection.

Your bulk pesticide storage facility will receive a letter in the coming weeks informing you that an AASA inspector will be calling to set up an appointment. They will do their best to avoid the busiest times of the season, but the inspections must be completed this summer. This goal is to help you with compliance and we appreciate your cooperation. To view and download the AASA inspection checklist that the inspectors will utilize when reviewing your facility, go to the AASA website at www.aginspect.org and click on the “Inspection Program” feature.

An area of emphasis this year is compliance with USEPA Bulk Pesticide Repackaging regulations. Recently USEPA fined several retailers in the Midwest for not having current repackaging agreements on file at their office, or for failing to properly label bulk containers and portable refillable containers correctly. AASA developed a two-page compliance guide to help retailers better understand the requirements for the repackaging regulations. This guide is available at the AASA website at www.aginspect.org under the “Resources” section on the website.

If you have questions about AASA feel free to call the Association office or contact AASA directly at (309) 827-2774. Thank you for participating in this industry stewardship program.

