

## ● ANHYDROUS AMMONIA FACILITIES LAW

*STATUTORY CITATION:* N.D. Cent. Code §§ 19-20.2-01 – 19-20.2-10

*RELATED REGULATIONS:* N.D. Admin. Code 7-12-01

*GENERAL SUMMARY:* Chapter 19-20.2 of the state statutes regulates large-capacity facilities used to store anhydrous ammonia, a hazardous chemical commonly used as an agricultural fertilizer. A key section in the law provides for adoption of the 1989 American National Standards Institute's safety requirements for the storage and handling of anhydrous ammonia, which includes measures relevant to agricultural employees working with or in proximity to anhydrous ammonia on the farm and in the fields.

### *SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS*

**CONSTRUCTION OF CONTAINERS** — Tanks used for the storage and transportation of anhydrous ammonia must be constructed in accordance with detailed specifications referenced in the ANSI standards. All such containers must be equipped with prescribed gauges and valves and must be properly marked with required warnings. Hoses, valves and other fittings must meet specified safety standards.

**ON-FARM EQUIPMENT** — Tanks attached to farm wagons or trailers for transportation of anhydrous ammonia to and from the fields must be securely mounted, and each wagon or trailer must be securely attached to the tractor or other vehicle pulling it.

### *ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT*

**PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT AGENCY** — *Pesticide Enforcement Program, North Dakota Department of Agriculture, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505 (701-328-4922)*. In addition to its associated licensing authority, the Department is responsible for inspecting on- and off-farm installations for the storage of anhydrous ammonia and farm transportation vehicles designed to apply ammonia as an agricultural fertilizer. The Department may suspend or revoke the license of any storage facility, and may order the discontinuation of use of any farm implement, found in violation of these provisions. Violators may also be charged with a misdemeanor.

**SECONDARY OR ASSOCIATED ENFORCEMENT AGENCY** — *None*.