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CLARIFICATION OF TEMPORARY FIELD STORAGE FOR BULK PESTICIDES

There appears to be some confusion related to the temporary field storage of bulk pesticides. Presently, the rule, WAC 16-229-010 (22), defines temporary field storage as “a storage container with the capacity to store two thousand five hundred gallons or less of bulk liquid pesticide that remains in the same location for no more than fourteen consecutive days in any six-month period”. Application tanks functionally connected to and dedicated solely for the use with a chemigation system are exempt from this chapter.

The maximum tank size currently allowed by rule is 2,500 gallons. Tanks intended for temporary field storage of bulk pesticides determined to be in excess of 2,500 gallons are in violation of the Secondary and Operational Area Containment for Bulk Pesticides rule.

The WSDA issued a “Preproposal Statement of Inquiry” (CR-101) on August 22, 2001 asking interested parties to submit their comments regarding possible rule making to “Increase the maximum allowed tank size for pesticide temporary field storage containers used for soil fumigants”. Deadline for submission of information was September 28, 2001. This is only an inquiry process. The filing of this CR-101 does not change or allow for an exception to the current WAC 16-229-010 (22).

Should you have questions regarding secondary containment, temporary field storage of pesticides, or the CR-101 please contact the WSDA at 360-902-2040 or toll free at 1-877-301-4555. Thank you.