

FWAA Guest at Washington DOE & WSDA visit to Fertilizer Mixing Facilities

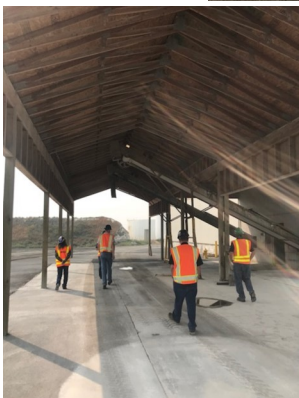
This week, Far West accompanied the Washington State Department of Agriculture and the Washington State Department of Ecology to three sites within the Moses Lake area on Thursday. The visit was in response to FWAA's formal petition to DOE, to remove Ammonium Sulfate from the States Toxic Air Pollutant list. There are two considerations, one of which is the chemistry and toxicity of the product itself and the other is an air quality and health consideration. Thursday's visit was related to the air quality component.



As fertilizer products are transported up the leg, mixed, weighted and dumped into a waiting truck at the Wilbur Ellis facility, observations are made of any fugitive dust. Glen Johnson, Branch Manager in the blue shirt.



Observations of the load out truck at the same facility.



The second visit was the Nutrien load out facility in the Moses Lake area. James Stewart, Terminal Manager in the forefront.



The third visit was to the Simplot Growers Solutions facility, Moses Lake.



A special thanks to all those who participated. The signage above is an example of how our members take seriously the safe handling of our industries products and the risk protection measures that are taken.

- Jim Fitzgerald

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List of Pesticides Approved for Marijuana by Washington State Department of Agriculture

This week WSDA added 12 new pesticides to an already existing list of insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides for marijuana to be used as a direct application as well as a soil application.

For a list of the new and already approved pesticides, you can review them on the WSDA website at this link: <https://agr.wa.gov/pestfert/pesticides/pesticideuseonmarijuana.aspx>

- Jim Fitzgerald

Don't forget to reserve your exhibitor booth - Call Errin or email admin@fwaa.org to get your spot today!

For those in a haze, what is in the wildfire smoke you are breathing?

If you are among those living in a smoky fog due to wildfires in your region, just what are you breathing in? The main pollutant that causes concern from this smoke is particulate matter. This is a mixture of microscopic solids and liquid droplets suspended in air. Particulate matter is made up of acids (such as nitrates and sulfates), organic chemicals, metals, soil or dust particles, and allergens. These pesky particles are irritants to your respiratory system and when exposed to high concentrations of them, you will find yourself coughing, producing phlegm, wheezing, and having difficulty breathing. Particulate matter can also affect your body's immune system and the physiological mechanisms that remove foreign materials from your lungs like pollen and bacteria. So let's recap, particulate matter might be the reason your sinuses hurt, your eyes feel scratchy, and you have a cough that just won't go away. There are a number of air quality apps you can download to your Apple or Android phone that will tell you the air quality in your zip code. Hopefully mother nature will move the smoke along soon and we can all breathe easier.

- Errin Nelson

Alfalfa seeds looking good but don't celebrate just yet

This year, ideal growing conditions produced one of the best harvests in years but nobodies celebrating just yet. Alfalfa seed growers are seeing a spike in yields due to favorable weather conditions and pollination which both help produce quality seeds but, unfavorable weather conditions like wind, rain & hail could damage the unharvested seeds which could greatly affect the global supply of hay. To learn more about alfalfa seed production at the conference through attendance, you may [click here](#)

- Mark Swearingen

4R Nutrient Stewardship News

Would you like to be a 4R Advocate? Applications are currently being accepted until October 31st.

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The 2019 4R Summit will be held in Cleveland on June 10-11, and registration will open in April.

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Purposed rule by the FMCSA could mean more hours of service

The FMCSA is expanding its current 100-air mile short haul rule from 12-hours on-duty to 14-hours on-duty hours to be more consistent with long-haul trucking. In addition, the rule will extend the hours by 2 due to incremental weather conditions. The rule will also be revising the mandatory 30-minute break for truck drivers during an 8-hour shift and will be reinstating the option for splitting up the required 10-hour off-duty rest break for drivers operating trucks with sleeper-berth compartments. There are also concerns regarding the electronic logging devices and whether its actually having an effect on HOS compliance. The comment period will be open for the next 30 days. The deadline is August 24th, 2018 in Dallas Texas. Jessica Kitchell will be doing a 50-minute presentation on December 11th at the December Conference in Kennewick W.A. Jessica will go in depth regarding the Ag-exemption and electronic logging devices. If you're interested in attending the conference, you may [click here](#)

- Mark Swearingen

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