

## WASHINGTON



### Far West Partners to Support the WA I-1632 Campaign

On October 9<sup>th</sup>, FWAA helped facilitate a representative from the No-1631 Campaign to speak to the Greater Spokane, Inc (Chamber of Commerce) Agribusiness Council (ABC). The ABC voted unanimously to support the NO campaign. They asked me to present the ABC position to the GSI Policy Committee which I did on October 15<sup>th</sup>. A few days later the Policy Council asked me to share our position with the full board of trustees (69 total) at GSI which was done on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. They voted unanimously to take a position and to support the NO Campaign. This is important since many other chambers throughout the State observe and often share the GSI position.

This proved to be an effective way to leverage our relationships with partners to have a greater effect and benefit our members. We urge those Washington State voters to vote No on I-1631.

- Jim Fitzgerald

### 29 CFR 1910.120 HAZWOPER Training is Required

Are you in compliance with OSHA 19.10.120 standards? OSHA requires at least 24 hours of training for emergency response of hazardous chemicals spills. OSHA standards require a completion of training with certificate of completion from a qualified trainer and an 8-hour refresher course yearly with certificate of proof. The certificates must be retained in your personal file. If you haven't already signed up, now is the time! Far West has scheduled 24hr & 8hr Ag Spill Response trainings and Safe Handling of Ammonia courses in Spokane Washington for the dates listed below. Class will be held at the FWAA office located at 5805 W. Thorpe Road. John Massey who retired with over 38 years of EHS experience will teach Far West's comprehensive training plan that's been developed over years with input from safety committee members and EHS managers from multiple industries. Please see below for details:

**Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> through Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>                      24-hour Ag Spill Response**  
Cost: Members - \$275/Non-Members - \$375

**Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>    8-hour Ag Spill Response Refresher**  
Cost: Members - \$175/Non-Members - \$275

**Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>    Safe Handling of Ammonia Aqua/Anhydrous**  
Cost: Prepaid by industry

Space is limited, so please visit our website: [www.fwaa.org](http://www.fwaa.org) and click on "Events" to register. Please check our website for additional dates and locations.

- Mark Swearingen

### Ammonium Sulfate Subject of Washington DOE Meeting

As you may know, Far West filed a formal petition last year to remove Ammonium Sulfate from the Toxic Air Pollutant (TAP) list. Only California and Washington State have this product listed. EPA does not include it on their Hazardous Air Pollutant (HAP) list.

DOE has conducted three inspections of various facilities over the past two years examining the impact of this product at blending, distribution, and handling facilities. These inspections took place in order to better educate the regulators as to how the product is used and allow them the opportunity to observe any potential fugitive dust. An additional consideration of DOE is the product's toxicity since Ammonium Sulfate is made from the salts of Sulfuric Acid so we are supplying information to assist them in differentiating the two.

A part of the Rules process is for the agency to hold stake holder meetings where they can gather further information, input, and insights related to the use of the products under consideration from industry. Far West has invited DOE to hold such a meeting December 10, 2018 at the Three Rivers Conference Center from 10:00 AM-12 Noon and they have accepted.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to show your support for our two-year effort by attending and if you so desire, participating. More information such as the format will be available in the future but for now please mark your calendar to attend December 10<sup>th</sup>.

- Jim Fitzgerald

### Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFAT) – Not going away anytime soon

On June 14<sup>th</sup> 2018, congress agreed to extend the funding for the CFAT program until January 2019 at which point, congress will review the results of the program for additional funding. The need to obtain annual approval of funding has undoubtedly caused the Department of Homeland Security to increase scrutiny of our industry especially for chemicals considered COI (chemicals of interest).

The only sure way to avoid fines and penalties is to ensure your facilities are in compliance with CFAT. Fortunately, Far West can offer guidance and education to keep you and your facilities in compliance and file the proper forms.

If you have questions or if your unsure about whether you need to file with the department of homeland security, contact Mark Swearingen at [mark@fwaa.org](mailto:mark@fwaa.org) or call 509-465-5055 and we will work with you in filing the proper forms. Don't be caught off guard, give us a call.

- Mark Swearingen