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Ammonium Sulfate to be Removed from WA DOE TAP List

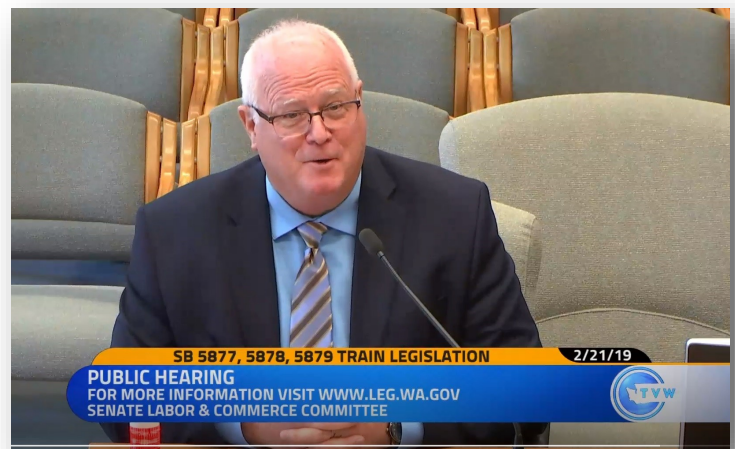
February 21, 2019, Lacey, WA. During a Department of Ecology (DOE) stakeholder meeting pertaining to the 460 Rulemaking process, DOE announced its decision to remove Ammonium Sulfate (AMS) from its toxic air pollutant list. You can review the memorandum at this [link](#).

Far West first became aware of the inclusion from a member in January of 2015. After an in-depth look and review of the materials and permits, the topic was discussed during a March board meeting and staff was given the approval to pursue the concern. After a communication exchange with the Air Quality Division at DOE, Far West hired a private consultant to verify certain chemical and air quality data to ensure accuracy and the proper interpretation of the supporting information DOE used in their decision making. Feeling correct in our position, we met with the Director of DOE and staff but were not ensured a timely review. As a result, Far West secured the legal services of Lukins & Annis in Spokane to research the process and options available. The options were reviewed by the FWAA Board and the decision was made to file a legal petition for a formal review, and it was served upon DOE. DOE recognized and accepted our petition and began their process to look at both the toxicity and air quality data to make their determination. DOE then contacted their sister agency, the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) who began the education process regarding the handling and uses of AMS. WSDA also facilitated five (5) site visits over a two-year period.

As a part of the DOE review process, several stakeholder meetings were held to review our request and other updates regarding acceptable de minimis, acceptable source impact levels (ASIL), small quantity emission rates (SQER) and other data point thresholds used. DOE graciously accepted a Far West invitation to have a stakeholder meeting in Kennewick, WA on December 10, 2018 where approximately 30 stakeholders showed up and many testified.

Far West, its members and the industry are grateful to DOE, WSDA, our members and all those who work within the industry who assisted us with this endeavor. A special mention and thank you to the JR Simplot Company for commissioning a study and review of the California Study used as a basis for the inclusion of AMS on the WA TAP list. Thank you to the McGregor Company and Two Rivers for making written comments. Thank you to Wilbur Ellis Company, Simplot and Nutrien for opening your facilities to share your handling processes for AMS. Thank you to the Potato Commission and all those not mentioned who collectively made contributions. Finally, thank you to all the FWAA members who support our organization and allow us to work on behalf of the industry to ensure a better business environment.

-Jim Fitzgerald



Executive Director, Jim Fitzgerald, testifies in opposition to Senate Bill 5877 - Minimum Crew Size on Trains in Olympia on January 21st. For more information regarding SB 5877 click [here](#).
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