



Train-the-Trainer: Anhydrous Ammonia Certified Grower Safety Training



The Illinois Department of Agriculture and supportive farm groups are looking for volunteers to deliver in-person training to growers

These volunteers will help implement a new requirement in the Illinois Administrative Code (8 IAC 215) that growers and grower farm operators who handle anhydrous ammonia must attend Department-approved safety training before April 1, 2022.

Train-the-Trainer sessions are being scheduled to teach volunteers the subject matter covered in the training so they will be fully prepared to present it to growers. To obtain a list of dates and locations for these upcoming Train-the-Trainer sessions, please contact the Department or one of the supportive farm groups at the numbers and email addresses listed below.

While attendance at the Train-the-Trainer session is required to be certified as a trainer, those attending are not obligated to perform training.

Qualifications:

- Minimum 5 years experience in the anhydrous ammonia industry; practical experience with storage, application and equipment operation, inspection and maintenance;
- Comfort speaking in groups and ability to relate to growers and answer their questions;
- Experience using a computer, projector and microphone and access to suitable meeting rooms or outside venues to conduct training, including venues that can accommodate COVID-19 guidelines for in person events;
- Good organization and communication skills and ability to maintain and transmit training rosters to IDA;
- Capability to become a Certified Competent Attendant and commit to attend this IDA-sponsored training annually.

All materials required to give the presentation will be provided to trainers, who must offer the class to growers at no cost.

If interested in becoming a trainer for Illinois growers and grower farm operators who handle ammonia, please contact Jeff Squibb at the Illinois Department of Agriculture (217) 785-8212 (office), jeff.squibb@illinois.gov, John Rebholz at the Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association (309) 827-2774 (office), john@ifca.com, or Lauren Lurkins at the Illinois Farm Bureau (309) 530-0398, llurkins@iffb.org.