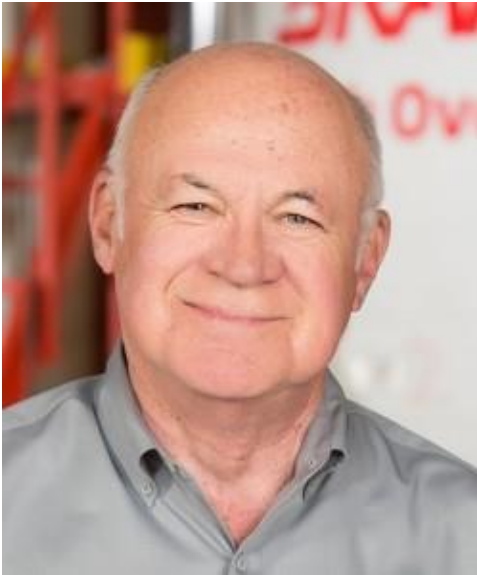




Committed. Compliant. Safe.

Regulatory compliance is the responsible thing to do for our employees, customers and neighbors.





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Who Needs ResponsibleAg?

Does your business have any of these?

- Employees
- Chemical Storage
- Anhydrous NH₃
- Fuel Storage
- Shop
- Trucks and Applicators
- Dry or Liquid Fertilizer
- Forklifts and Loaders
- Grain/Feed
- Seed Treatment



What is ResponsibleAg?

- An industry-supported stewardship initiative formed by TFI and ARA in 2014
- Nonprofit organization, governed by a board of volunteer leaders
- Participation open to fertilizer manufacturers, distributors, retailers, farmers and allied organizations
- Participation is voluntary



Mission Statement

- ResponsibleAg helps agricultural retailers protect their employees, communities and businesses by offering comprehensive, professional and affordable regulatory compliance audits, education and resources. The organization certifies compliance and recognizes those who achieve and maintain a high standard of environmental, health, safety and security performance.



Industry-Led Initiative

- Members include thousands of businesses handling fertilizer, crop protection products and other farm inputs.



What Does ResponsibleAg Do?

- Assist agribusinesses to achieve and maintain compliance with existing federal laws and regulations
- Designed to identify areas of improvement and provide information to support compliance
- Registered facilities agree to an assessment conducted by a ResponsibleAg-credentialed auditor every three years



What are the Steps to ResponsibleAg Certification?

- Register your facility
- Review the assessment checklist
- Contact a certified auditor
- With your help, the auditor conducts the assessment
- Assessment is uploaded, and secure corrective action report is generated
- Corrective actions completed
- ResponsibleAg certification achieved



Assessment Checklist

17 sections – 467 questions

- EHS documentation
- Office & Grounds
- Bulk Liquid Fertilizer
- Anhydrous NH₃ Facility
- NH₃ Mobile Equipment
- Shop
- Forklift & End Loaders
- Commercial Motor Vehicles
- Application & Nurse equip.
- Waste Management
- Fuel Storage
- Seed Treater & Warehouse
- Chemical Warehouse
- Bulk Pesticide
- Grain/Feed
- Maintenance Records
- Dry Fertilizer Warehouse

The Auditors

- Internal or External
- Some of the most dedicated environment and safety people in the industry
- Auditors are trained to be consistent
- Strong emphasis on making things right and understanding why it should be that way



Auditor Requirements

Minimum qualifications have been established to ensure the experience, knowledge base and objectives of those attending this course are as uniform as possible. Persons wishing to enroll in this class will be asked to certify they meet each of the following minimum qualifications when registering for the course.

- Minimum of 5 years experience working within the agricultural inputs industry.
- Minimum of 5 years experience working with environmental, health, safety, security or loss control issues.
- Working knowledge of the basic OSHA, EPA, DOT, DHS and related regulatory requirements.
- Must be capable of climbing to elevated platforms, sometimes reaching 50 feet or more.
- Must have basic computer and internet skills.



Auditor Training Program

- On-site at the Ford West Training Center
- Part lecture / part hands-on
- Next Auditor Training starts July 9th, 2024
- New instructor this year
 - 35 Years EHS Professional
 - Certified Safety Professional
 - Certified Hazardous Material Manager
 - Certified ResponsibleAg Auditor



The Assessment Process

- Positive
- Educational
- Credible
- Efficient
- Fair
- Responsible
- Sustainable
- Proven
 - 5109 Completed Assessments



What Do Auditors Find?

1. Lockout/Tagout, Annual Review of Program
2. Lockout/Tagout Program
3. Safety Shower/Eye Wash Maintenance
4. Forklift, PIT Inspection & Maintenance
5. Spare Fuses, DOT
6. Confined Space Entry Annual Review
7. Bloodborne Pathogens Program
8. Fire Extinguishers, Inspection
9. Workplace Hazard Assessment
10. First Aid Kit



ResponsibleAg Bottom Line

- The program is leading to a lot of issues being identified and fixed
- You are proving to your employees, neighbors and communities that you are a responsible partner
- You are doing the right thing and the program helps prove that to the world



ResponsibleAg is Secure and Confidential

- Secure – Audit findings are submitted through a secure on-line portal
- Confidential – Audit findings are only shared with you and your designee
- Industry led – No regulators involved in the process



We Have an Established EHS Program. Why Should We Earn ResponsibleAg Certification?

- Provides internal compliance validation.
- Make sure your process is complete. Avoid fines.
- Demonstrates responsibility and transparency to your Board, employees, customers and communities.
- Protects your assets and your business.
- Secure and Confidential. Prepares you for inspections.
- Improves industry compliance and image for all.



We Don't Have an Established EHS Program. Why Should We Earn ResponsibleAg Certification?

- You have a lot at stake! RA helps protect your employees, your assets and your business.
- The ResponsibleAg assessment lets you know where you stand on compliance with confidentiality and security.
- Access to trained and certified auditors to help you identify areas that need improvement.
- Assessment checklist of all federal regulatory requirements updated annually by a team of experts.
- ResponsibleAg is economical and efficient. Manage your time.



Intersection of ResponsibleAg and Your Existing EHS Program

- ResponsibleAg does not replace your EHS program.
- ResponsibleAg certifies the value of your existing program.
- ResponsibleAg validates your compliance to your community, employees and customers.
- 3-year audit cycle confirms compliance.
- Avoids fines and suspensions.



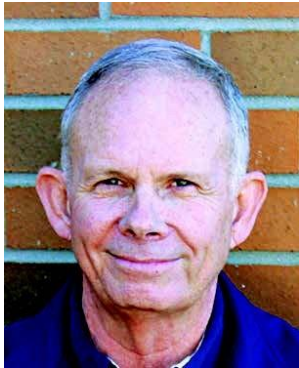
What Does ResponsibleAg Cost?

- Manned retail sites and farmers pay \$150 per site
- Un-manned retail and farm satellite terminals pay \$100 per site
- Manufacturers, producers, importers, wholesalers, distributors, brokers, etc. pay \$5,000 per company



Easily Assessing Compliance with Federal Regulations

Safety is paramount for everyone at The McGregor Company, a large independent fertilizer, agrichemical, and equipment dealer with 37 retail locations throughout Oregon, Idaho, and Washington.



Clark Capwell
General Manager,
Environmental Health,
Safety & Security
The McGregor Company

Clark Capwell uses the ResponsibleAg checklist to assess compliance with federal regulations at each participating facility. He adds that the audits, coupled with the transparency of the program, help confirm that the company is consistently doing the right thing.



Delivering Clarity and Understanding

When the Valley Ag leadership team turned their focus to enhancing the organization's employee safety and regulatory compliance practices, they chose the ResponsibleAg Certification Program as the roadmap.



Max Tinsley,
Director of Environmental
Health and Safety
Valley Ag

“Going through the ResponsibleAg audit as a group made sense for us. It gave us a methodical guide to follow and brought clarity and understanding to the entire process. It also helped us lay a foundation of collaboration between locations.”



Keeping Safety Foremost for Employees

With 400 employees, GreenPoint AG serves farmers in Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Kentucky, southeast Missouri, and the coastal bend of Texas.



Kent McPherson,
Director of Operations
GreenPoint AG

“As a management team, we must set the direction — make sure our frontline managers understand safety is a priority and put the processes in place to ensure we are safe and secure in every operation.”



Tapping Valuable Resources with Responsible Ag

When farms are in their high production season, farmers and retailers use seasonal help to fill the gaps. Seasonal help doubles the workforce each year for Premier Ag in Salem and Corydon, Indiana.



Tom Wenning
Operations Manager
Premier Ag
Salem and Corydon,
Indiana

Wenning says he relies on ResponsibleAg and its training resources, such as the Compliance Assistance Library.

“The online resources are searchable and easy to use.”



Upholding Consistent Safety Standards

The Tennessee Farmers Cooperative (TFC) is owned by its 55 member cooperatives with locations in Tennessee, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Texas, and Virginia.



**John Cain,
Risk Manager Tennessee
Farmers Cooperative**

“We had to establish a consistent culture of safety throughout our system and ensure our member facilities were compliant with the hundreds of regulations that apply to each location.”

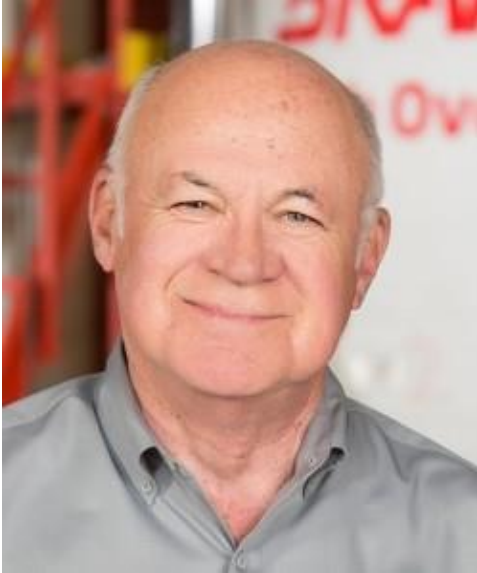


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