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MEMO

DATE: March 12, 2018
TO: The Canadian fertilizer industry and farmer customers
FROM: Garth Whyte, President and CEO, Fertilizer Canada and
Mitch Rezansoff, Executive Director, Canadian Association of
Agri-Retailers
SUBJECT: Joint Statement on Ammonia Nurse Tanks

Fertilizer Canada and the Canadian Association of Agri-Retailers (CAAR) would like to reassure farmers about the supply of nurse tanks for applying anhydrous ammonia fertilizer this spring.

A March 9 article by the Western Producer discusses the potential for a significant impact to the supply of ammonia for spring seeding due to regulatory changes. The regulations came into force on January 12, affecting the frequency of hydrostatic testing and visual inspection of ammonia nurse and applicator tanks and field delivery units.

This is a significant challenge that has been a top priority for Fertilizer Canada and CAAR. Canada's fertilizer industry and agri-retailers are working closely with Transport Canada and farmer groups to ensure that ammonia nurse tanks will be available to meet all farmer needs this spring.

Transport Canada is well aware of the situation and the department is reviewing the matter.

The current state of readiness for the ammonia application season is much greater than suggested in the article, which significantly overstates the number of nurse tanks that could be out of compliance.

Many agri-retailers have already conducted required testing to bring nurse tanks into full compliance for this spring seeding season and work will continue in weeks ahead.

We are working to ensure this issue is resolved and our goal is to have all nurse tanks in service this spring.



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CAAR represents agri-retailers who actively support Canadian growers in the production of the highest quality food possible by protecting food quality, farm productivity, and the long term sustainability of our industry.

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