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FERTILIZER CANADA LAUNCHES A NEW ELEARNING COURSE: ANHYDROUS AMMONIA ON THE FARM

Vineland Station, ON – Today at the official launch of Canadian Ag Safety Week, Fertilizer Canada is taking a step forward to advance safety and security of anhydrous ammonia on the farm with the launch of a new eLearning course. **Anhydrous Ammonia Safety and the Farmer** is an eLearning course, provided by Fertilizer Canada, in partnership with the Canadian Association of Agri-Retailers (CAAR), to equip farmers with the knowledge to ensure that anhydrous ammonia fertilizer is handled safely.

"Fertilizer Canada is taking significant steps to manage the risk of fertilizer, from facility to farm gate. We work directly with agri-retailers and farmers to ensure the safe handling and storage of fertilizer products. With the launch of another Safety and Security eLearning course, Fertilizer Canada is contributing to the vision of zero accidents," said Giulia Brutesco Senior Director of Industry Standards at Fertilizer Canada. "That is the reason why Canada's fertilizer industry is committed to producing and sharing a suite of online learning materials that are free and accessible to everyone."

Anhydrous ammonia is a highly effective fertilizer that helps farmers feed our growing population and replenish nutrients in the soil. As a fertilizer, it provides essential nitrogen for plants, and is imperative that proper precautions are taken to ensure that it is handled correctly.

"Our mandate is to continue working with industry stakeholders who share our commitment to enhancing the knowledge and safety of agri-retailers and their farmer customers across Canada. Today, we are happy to be a part of this announcement that will make safety and security knowledge at the farm level accessible to everyone," said Delaney Ross Burtnack, President & CEO of CAAR.

Ensuring fertilizer safety requires coordination among all stakeholders, from facility to farm gate. The Canadian fertilizer industry champions industry-led, world-class Codes of Practice to manage the risks of fertilizer products throughout their life-cycle.

Agri-retailers and farmers wishing to refresh their knowledge of anhydrous ammonia safety and security can train for free today by logging on to Fertilizer Canada's eLearning website: **elearning.fertilizercanada.ca.** By using the promo code "*AgSafety*" the online exam can be taken free of charge.

The Anhydrous Ammonia on the Farm eLearning course is a part of Fertilizer Canada's Safety and Security program, demonstrating product stewardship is a pillar of our industry.

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Fertilizer Canada represents manufacturers, wholesale and retail distributors of nitrogen, phosphate, potash and sulphur fertilizers. The fertilizer industry plays an essential role in Canada's economy, contributing over \$12 billion annually and 12,000 jobs. The association is committed to supporting the fertilizer industry with innovative research and programming while advocating sustainability, stewardship, safety and security through standards and Codes of Practice. Please visit fertilizercanada.ca.

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