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Dear Livestock Producer,

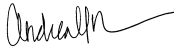
Purdue Extension – Carroll County and Purdue Extension – Cass County are partnering to host a Category 14 Agricultural Fertilizer Applicator Certification Training and Test on **Thursday, December 15, 2011** at the 4-H Building in Flora. Lunch will be served at 11:00 AM and registration will begin at 11:30 AM. The training portion will be from 12:00-1:30 PM and the test will be administered from 1:30-3:00 PM.

Registrants need to bring a pencil, single-function calculator, and a government issued photo ID. Cell phones cannot be used as calculators. Without the ID you will not be able to take the examination. To download the Category 14 Agricultural Fertilizer Applicator Training Manual for free, go to <http://www.ppp.purdue.edu/Category14.pdf>.

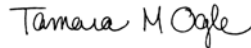
Pre-registration by **Friday, December 9th** is required. This session is limited to 100 participants. You can register by completing the bottom portion of this letter and returning it to Purdue Extension - Carroll County, by calling 765-564-3169, or by emailing ahbrown@purdue.edu. If you plan on coming for lunch, please indicate that on the form below.

For more information about the Category 14 Fertilizer Certification, please see the back side of this letter. If you have questions about whether or not this applies to your operation, contact us directly.

Sincerely,



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Please return this form to: Purdue Extension - Carroll County, P.O. Box 317, Delphi, IN 46923 or email the information to ahbrown@purdue.edu.

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Email _____ Lunch – YES _____ NO _____

NOTE: If you are signing up for more than one person, please provide name and contact information for each person. You can use a separate sheet of paper. Please print clearly.

Category 14 - What Does it Mean?

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Overview

Category 14, the *Fertilizer Applicator Certification Rule*, originated in 2009 as a law passed by the Indiana General Assembly. The rule became effective on July 28, 2010, with full compliance to be required by January 1, 2012.

The rule covers the application, transport, and distribution of fertilizer material for agricultural purposes. The term "fertilizer material" is defined as commercial fertilizer products as well as manure from confined feeding operations (CFOs). CFOs are livestock facilities that house 300 cattle, 600 sheep or swine, or 30,000 chickens, turkeys, or other poultry. CAFOs, or concentrated animal feeding operations, are also included in the rule because the threshold numbers of animals housed are larger than CFOs.

Category 14 requires certification for individuals who meet the criteria of the following four categories:

Private Fertilizer Applicator

Anyone who applies manure from a CFO to their own property (if amount is 10 cubic yards or 4,000 gallons per year or less, no certification is required). Certification is not required for anyone purchasing and applying commercial fertilizer products (granular, liquid, etc.) to their own property. A private fertilizer applicator may train and supervise up to ten employees working for the farm operation.

Commercial Fertilizer Applicator

Anyone who applies fertilizer material (commercial fertilizer or manure) for-hire. A certified commercial applicator must be employed by a licensed fertilizer business (see below) and may train and supervise up to ten employees working for the business or farm.

Fertilizer Business

Any business applying fertilizer material for-hire. A fertilizer business must employ at least one Category 14 certified commercial applicator.

Fertilizer Distributor

Any business distributing or brokering fertilizer material only. No application, handling, or transporting is permitted. Not needed if already certified as a fertilizer business.

Category 14 applies if..

- You apply commercial fertilizer for-hire
- You apply manure from a CFO to your own fields
- You apply manure for-hire from a CFO or non-CFO
- You are a seller, distributor, or transporter of commercial fertilizer or manure from a CFO

Category 14 does not apply if..

- You purchase and apply commercial fertilizer to your own fields
- You apply less than 10 cubic yards or 4,000 gallons of manure from a CFO per year
- You apply non-CFO manure to your own fields