

Plant Managers Training Course

Weights & Measures

August 24, 2022

The LINQ Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, NV



COURSE OVERVIEW

- In 2018, major updates to the mulch testing protocols in NIST Handbook 133 were adopted.
- In 2019, a series of 6 training videos on checking net contents of packaged mulch and soils were produced by MSC and NIST for state inspector and industry training.
- Where NIST historically offered training on mulch inspections once a year, it now provides continuous training of state inspectors via online instruction; so, **increased training of state officials is likely to trigger increased inspections using the updated test protocols.**
- Industry knows proper product packaging is necessary to maintain a fair and competitive market. Now is the time to make sure you know what to do in a plant inspection.
- Under-filled product packages represent a significant liability to manufacturers for lost profits, state penalties, off-sale products, disruption of business and lost customers -- **you can even go to jail.**
- In the current difficult labor market, company turnover and loss of experienced managers can be a significant problem.
- If your company is not prepared for a major round of state compliance inspections, immediate action is recommended. You must begin updating practices and training of plant personnel immediately.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Every plant manager of a mulch and/or soil packaging plant should attend this program.
- Company owners not familiar with weights & measures and package labeling regulations should attend.
- Company quality control managers and packaging line supervisors should attend.
- MSC members and non-members may participate

COURSE OBJECTIVE

This course will instruct program participants on the requirements for compliance with W&M regulations, inspection procedures, test protocols, package variability, target fill setting, inspection penalties, bulk product guidelines, equipment impacts, BMPs, and product labeling. An inspection demonstration of current NIST Handbook 133 test procedures will be conducted.

The MSC Weights & Measures training course is the first step in a major, nation-wide campaign to assure package compliance and fair competition!

The MSC is presenting this special course on W&M practices and procedures for new plant managers and anyone who wants to refresh their knowledge on this critically important issue.

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Course Schedule & Content

7:15am - 8:00am

Continental Breakfast
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8:00am - 8:45am

NIST Regulations

Product Definitions, Method of Sale, Average & Individual Package Requirements, Sampling Plans, Test Procedures, Inspection Lots, Random & Alternative Package Selection, Test Container Specifications. *Instructor: Robert LaGasse, MSC*

8:45am - 9:15am

Penalties and Alternatives

"Off Sale" & "Removal" Orders, Criminal & Civil Penalties, Detention and/or Arrest, Customer Disruption, Media Coverage & Brand Credibility, WAMIS Listing, Relabeling, POP Signage, Discount to Packaged Quantity. *Instructor: Robert LaGasse, MSC*

9:15am - 10:00am

Inspection Guidelines

Manufacturer's Responsibilities, Inspector's Responsibilities, Retail Vs. Plant Inspections. *Instructor: Robert LaGasse, MSC*

10:00am - 10:15am

Break

10:15am - 10:45am

Package Test Demonstration

Mulch & Soil Product Fill Test Demonstration, Reading & Recording Data. *Instructor: Shelli Williams, MSC*

10:45am - 11:45am

Bulk Mulch Volume Principles & Practices

Issues with Bulk Loads, Determining/Documenting, Loading Procedures, Customer Education. *Instructor: Don Dugger, ScottsMiracle-Gro*

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Working Lunch
Sponsored by Komptech Americas

1:00pm - 1:45pm

Determining Target Fill Level

Product Variability, Test Results on Mulch Run, Test Results on Soil Run, Target Fill. *Instructor: Dr. Bill Fonteno, Emeritus Professor, NC State University*

1:45pm - 2:45pm

Equipment Effects

Equipment maintenance will affect packaging results. This section will look at how equipment operates and the effect of that operation on package variability with a brief look at personnel safety. *Instructor: TBA, Hamer-Fischbein Div. of nVenia*

2:45pm - 3:00pm

Break

3:00pm - 3:45pm

Best Manufacturing Practices

Setting Equipment, Determining Bag Size, Setting Line Speed, Quality Control Testing, Operator Training, Setting Lot Criteria and Lot Numbering, Record Keeping, Plant Inventory Control for Inspections. *Instructor: Dr. Bill Fonteno, Emeritus Professor, NC State University*

3:45pm - 5:00pm

Labeling Guideline & Issues

What managers and designers need to know about package labeling laws to avoid fines and product "stop sale" penalties. *Instructor: Robert LaGasse, MSC*

5:00pm

Course Ends

Workshop Location

Our meeting will be held at the The LINQ Hotel & Casino on the Las Vegas Strip.

Room Reservations

The LINQ is extending a special room rate of \$72.95 (+ taxes). You will be sent a reservation link upon confirmation of your registration.

Deadlines

Registration for the workshop must be received at the MSC office by August 1, 2022. Space is limited and all registrations will be accepted on a space available basis only.

Workshop Registration:

\$349 Members

\$550 Non-members

Only advanced, prepaid registrations will be accepted

The registration fee covers:

- All Class Instruction
- Course Materials
- Breakfast, Lunch & Snacks
- Completion Certificate

Travel to the seminar, hotel accommodations and extra meals are not included in the registration fee.

Submit one registration form for each participant.

Plant Managers Training Course Registration Form August 24, 2022 / Las Vegas, NV



Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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