BEST PRACTICES FOR SAFE AND EFFECTIVE SEED TREATER CLEANOUT

Follow these eight steps to reduce operator exposure during treater cleanout

1. **Power down**, unplug and lock-out your treater before you start.

2. **Put on the personal protective equipment** indicated on the label for handling of the product(s) being cleaned out, including a dust mask or cartridge respirator (where required), safety glasses or goggles, long sleeved coveralls and chemical resistant gloves.

3. **Mix up** a cleaning solution; we recommend using a 50/50 mix of warm water and Simple Green® All Purpose Cleaner.

4. **Clean out tubing** by first running warm water through to loosen up gummy buildup followed by a cleaning solution; and finish with a clear rinse of warm water. Flush out tubing after you switch seed care products and inspect tubing regularly for wear, tear and substantial product buildup. Replace tubing as required.

5. **Clean the atomizer** by pumping cleaning solution through it. If the atomizer is removable, it can be placed in a tub and soaked in cleaning solution, or sprayed with a hose. To remove hard to clean buildup, use a pressure washer at a safe distance while wearing appropriate waterproof PPE.

6. **To clean** the inside of the treating vessel, like the drum, wet down some unusable seed with your cleaning solution, set your drum treater to a shallow angle and allow the seed to pass through it at a slow rate. The seed will act as an abrasive cleaning agent and the product buildup will adhere to the seed.

7. **For caked-on, hard to remove seed treatment**, use the appropriate cleaning tool like a trowel, putty knife or wand with sponge to manually remove buildup.

8. **Collect rinse water** and dispose of it in accordance with local provincial regulations.