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THE FERTILIZER INSTITUTE DEVELOPS CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY BROCHURE

Cites Possible Impact of Climate Change Policies on Nation's Food Security

Washington, D.C. – The Fertilizer Institute (TFI) today released its climate change policy brochure, “The U.S. Fertilizer Industry and Climate Change Policy,” which was developed as a tool for use in climate change policy debates. The brochure reinforces that “when formulating climate change related policies, Congress needs to consider the dramatic impact these policies could have on our national food security.”

“The climate change brochure highlights the essential contributions of the fertilizer industry to our nation’s production of food, feed, fuel and fiber, and emphasizes the fact that the industry has voluntarily taken early action to achieve energy efficiencies,” said TFI President Ford B. West. “The United States currently imports about 56 percent of its fertilizer nutrients and with the economy facing some of the most serious challenges in modern history, we cannot risk jeopardizing the industry’s jobs or its vital role within U.S. food production.”

The brochure is the sixth in a series of briefing papers designed by TFI and its members to delineate the industry’s mission and position on certain issues of importance. Specifically, the brochure highlights the following key points:

- Fertilizer is a global strategic commodity;
- The fertilizer industry is an energy intensive industry;
- The fertilizer industry is an energy efficient industry;
- Any new U.S. climate change policy must deliver environmental progress without harming the economy or U.S. food production.

TFI is making this brochure available to its members for congressional visits, as well as for use at meetings with state legislatures, local councils and others.

“When we define one strong industry message and speak with one voice, our advocacy efforts are much stronger,” said West. “The more our members engage with their elected officials, the more times our industry’s message is being heard.”

In addition, TFI also developed an informational brochure that illustrates operational U.S. fertilizer production facilities for nitrogen, phosphorus and potash. These maps demonstrate the resource-based nature of the industry. TFI’s climate change policy brochure and U.S. fertilizer production maps can be viewed on TFI’s Web site at www.tfi.org.

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The Fertilizer Institute represents the nation’s fertilizer industry. Producers, retailers, trading firms and equipment manufacturers which comprise its membership are served by a full time Washington, D.C., staff in various legislative, educational and technical areas as well as with information and public relations programs.

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