

## KEEP TREATED SEED OUT OF GRAIN DELIVERIES

Improper cleanout of equipment used to handle bulk seed can lead to the contamination of commercial grain and oilseed deliveries. Elevators must maintain a zero tolerance for treated seed contamination because of the demands of processors and export markets. Producers must be aware that this practice will not be tolerated and will result in the producer being liable for all costs associated with business disruption, cleanout and losses, not only for the delivered grain but also for any stored grain that may become contaminated as a result.

It should also be noted that treated seed is just one of a number of potential contaminants including fertilizer, broken glass, animal feed and others that must not find its way into the grain handling system. When contaminants are found in Ontario's grain supply it negatively impacts all stakeholders including producers, elevators, and processors. It is the responsibility of everyone involved to ensure that this contamination does not occur.

Here are suggested protocols for cleaning out wagons and trucks used to handle treated seed during planting season that may also be used during harvest.

1. Thoroughly sweep and or vacuum all surfaces and check all accessible areas for treated seed.
2. Disassemble racks or tarps in order to examine where treated seed might have migrated and become trapped.
3. Use compressed air to blow out any tubing pipe or angle irons.
4. Pressure wash all surfaces.
5. Let dry, and then drive down bumpy road with door closed. If treated seed is still present in wagon, identify where it originated from and clean that area.
6. Clean up and discard all remaining treated seed and residues.

Wagon mounted augers should be removed from wagon following planting season. If an auger is used for both seed and grain handling it should be flushed immediately following planting season with a minimum of 50 kg of flush material. Contact your equipment supplier to determine what material is best suited to effectively remove treated seed and residue from the auger.

