Safeguarding flat grain storage structures



# Annual flat grain storage building

## Sample checklist

The following information may be collected and verified for each flat grain storage building on the property and stored in a centralized location.

#### Designation/name of structure

Date of construction	
Vendors	General contractor
	Purchase agreement
	Concrete engineer
	Concrete contractor
	Building erector
	Geotechnical firm
	Equipment installation contractor
	Building manufacturer
Plans	Foundation plans
	Building plans
	Warehouse diagram
	Commodity types
Equipment	Flow diagram
	Equipment list
	Equipment age
	Equipment capacities
Operations	Structure erector/designer operational manual
	Written fill procedures
	Written emptying procedures
	Written maintenance procedures
	Written lock-out-tag-out procedures
Inspections	Photo documentation building during construction
	Photo documentation of last significant remodel
	Date of last inspection
	Previous inspection report
Maintenance	Record of past maintenance
	Dates
	Activities
	Contractors involved
	Photos
Site training	Site plan map and evacuation route clearly posted
	Topic of last site training
	Number of previously trained employees still at location

### Annual inspection when empty

The following information may be collected and verified for each flat grain storage building on the property annually at a time when the building is empty.

Date of inspection	
Roof outside	Straight and uniform in appearance
	No areas of sagging, deformation, or movement
	Roof covering in good condition
Roof inside	No indications of past structural repairs
	No visible wood rot and/or deterioration
	No missing or damaged framing members
Exterior walls	Straight, plumb and uniform in appearance
	No visible indications of past movement or cracking
Interior walls	Straight, plumb and uniform in appearance
	No visible indications of past movement or cracking
	Bulkhead door hangers, catches and latches in good condition _
	Bracing rods in place
	Bracing rods properly tensioned
Anchorage	Anchor bolts in place
	No visible indications of past movement
	No significant rusting and/or deterioration
	No visible indications of impact damage
Foundation	No visible indications of past movement
	No significant cracking or deterioration
	No visible reinforcing steel
	No visible indications of impact damage
	Grade positively drains water down and away from foundation
Interior columns	No visible indications of past movement or bowing
	No visible indications of impact damage
Equipment	Guarding in place
	Hazard monitoring equipment in place
	Hazard monitoring equipment operational
	No hammer damage to spouting and/or hoppers
	Greasing of rotating parts complete
	No rusting at base of leg boot
	Guy cables adequately adjusted



Operations	Product bins are not being overfilled
Greasing and lubrication	Update and review written greasing and lubrication plan to assure it is appropriate and being adequately implemented
	Where bearings require sufficient greasing to cause grease to be expelled from the bearing assembly assure that all expelled grease is cleaned away to prevent build-up near rotating components
Fall protection	Fall protection structure is sound
(if applicable)	Fall protection anchorage inspections are current
Miscellaneous	



#### Annual inspection when full

The following information should be collected and verified for each flat grain storage building on the property annually after they have been filled as a follow-up to the inspection when empty.

Date of inspection	
Foundation	The foundation and any foundation cracking or movement that may have
movement	been present prior to filling look generally the same after filling with product
	Visible indications of differential settlement (tipping or leaning) are not observed
Building walls and openings	No visible indications of new cracking or widening of existing cracking
	No visible wall bulging or deformation
Equipment operation	All previously tested equipment operates functions as desired after loading
Roof	Check the roof for leaks
Housekeeping	Verify that grain is not actively leaking from the structure
	Verify that grain is not actively leaking from grain handling equipment
Falls protection	Fall protection anchorange is sound
(if applicable)	Fall protection lanyard and harness inspections are current



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