



Emergency Action Plans for Minnesota Pork Producers

A pork producer's Emergency Action Plan provides detailed information on what to do if there is an accident or emergency at your livestock facility, such as a manure spill. While an emergency action plan is not a state or federal requirement, it is a good idea because a well-designed and implemented emergency action plan can...

- Reduce the severity of the emergencies
- Reduce risk to humans and animals
- Reduce economic loss
- Reduce potential environmental pollution

Keep a copy of the plan with your manure management plan, production record, or somewhere else that is easily remembered and assessible to you, employees and family members.

ACTION PLAN PIECES

An emergency action plan has four elements: 1) plan of action to prevent the release of manure, or prevent environmental contamination; 2) detailed map of the site and application fields; 3) list of contact names and numbers that is posted near the phone; 4) and a clean-up plan.

PLAN OF ACTION

A plan of action should be developed for each livestock facility. Review the plan of action every six months and make sure all personnel involved with the livestock facility are familiar with the plan. Items to consider for a plan of action include:

- Assess the situation and know what factors are at risk (human health, animal welfare, environment, livestock structures).
- Reduce the risk through implementation of planned steps.
 - Prevent spills or discharges by maintaining equipment and following plans.
 - Eliminate the source of manure if a spill or discharge occurs.
 - Contain the spill.
- Contact appropriate authorities to report emergencies or accidents.
- Assess damages.
- State law requires that manure spills or leaks be reported immediately to the Minnesota Duty Officer at 1-800-422-0798.

In the event of a manure spill or leak, every effort possible should be made to prevent movement of manure offsite. Neighbors or nearby contractors with earth-moving equipment can assist with containment. If tile intakes are present, have devices on hand to prevent manure from entering the tile lines. Contact neighbors with manure handling equipment to land apply the manure. Prevent manure from entering bodies of water or other environmentally sensitive areas, such as sinkholes and ag drainage wells. For assistance contact your local sheriffs' department or other emergency response personnel in your county.



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SITE MAP

A good planning tool for emergency action plans is a site map of the livestock facility. A site map can be of assistance to family members, new employees, delivery personnel and emergency response personnel. A site map should include the following information:

- Facility address and location including the emergency 911 address and the fire number
- Building locations
- Electrical service boxes
- Water main connections and shut-off valves
- Identification of the manure storage structure with associated pump-out ports, valves and pumps
- Location of wellheads
- Identification of nearby tile intakes, sinkholes, ag drainage wells, streams, lakes or other environmentally sensitive areas
- Drainage and water movement indications
- Identification of property boundaries
- First aid kit
- Fire extinguisher(s)

In addition to a site map for livestock facilities, copies of maps of fields for land application of manure should be included. If you already have these maps filed with manure management plans, an extra set could be filed with your emergency action plan. These maps should include:

- Manure application setback distances
- Designated areas
- Water courses
- Property boundaries
- Location of field access roads and gates

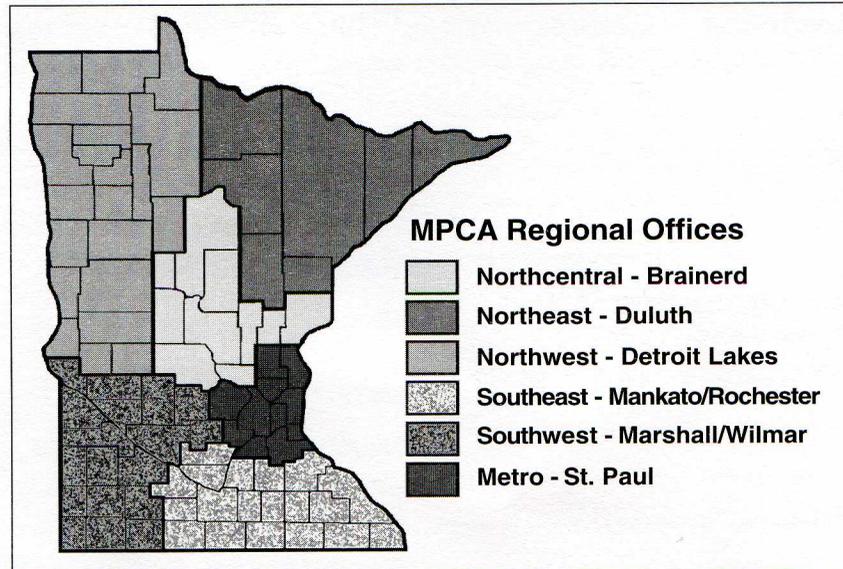
CLEAN-UP PLAN

A clean-up plan should include methods of proper manure removal and land application of manure at agronomic rates. Manure applications from a spill should also be recorded in your manure management plan if you are required to have one. You should consult the Minnesota Duty Officer for appropriate clean-up methods. You may be required to file a report following a manure spill, leak or other accident.



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