REPORTING LIVESTOCK WASTE RELEASES IN ILLINOIS

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

As an owner or operator of a livestock waste handling facility, you must report any release of livestock waste into the environment as soon as possible, but **within 24 hours** after discovery of the release.

Initial notification should be made by calling the Illinois Emergency Management Agency’s 24-hour emergency notification line at (800) 782-7860. Include in your report the location and the amount of waste released, apparent environmental impacts, and actions that were taken to contain or mitigate the release. A written report to the Illinois EPA confirming the information provided by telephone is required within five days after discovery of the release. See the back of this factsheet for the suggested form and information that will be needed from you.

Any livestock waste release to surface waters including releases to sinkholes, drain inlets, broken subsurface drains or other conduits to groundwater or surface water must be reported **immediately**, except when immediate notification would impede your efforts to correct the cause of the release or contain the livestock waste. In such cases, you must report the release as soon as possible but no later than 24 hours after discovery.

These reporting requirements include releases from livestock waste handling facilities and from the transportation of livestock waste, and applies to waste storage and handling facilities, piping, pumps, and transportation equipment.

Reporting is **not required** for a release of less than 25 gallons **provided** no quantity is released to waters of the state, or it results from a controlled and recovered release during field application.

EMERGENCY PLANNING REQUIREMENTS

The reporting form and other information should be retained on-site as part of your facility’s emergency response plan. An emergency response plan should include:

- Emergency phone numbers
- General farm information
- Identification of a designated spokesman
- Farm map
- Facility map
- Topographic map
- Effluent spill emergency response information sheet
- Runoff retention plan
- Pre-arranged sample land access agreement
- Location of pre-arranged emergency supply equipment and supplies
- Lagoon pumping service
- Fire emergency response information sheet
- Power outage information sheet
- Personal information
- Medical information response plan

Refer to the “Illinois Manure Management Plans” from the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service.
WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF A LIVESTOCK WASTE RELEASE

In the event of a release, a response should be swift to minimize damage as much as possible. Responses should include, but are not limited to:

**Immediate Action**
- Stop additional leakage.
- Contain spilled waste.

**As Soon As Possible**
- Begin clean-up procedures.
- Notify agencies and local public health department and appropriate public/private water supplies.
- Attempt application of spilled wastes on cropland.
- Assess environmental impacts to surface water, well water or groundwater.
- Estimate amount of waste released and for what duration.
- Confer with Illinois EPA to assess possible environmental impacts, and review plans for containment and clean up.

**Within 24 Hours**
- Contact the Illinois Emergency Management Agency at (800) 782-7860.

**Within 5 Days**
- Submit written report to Illinois EPA.

**DEFINITIONS**

Livestock Waste Handling Facility means individually or collectively those immovable constructions or devices (except sewers) used for collecting, pumping, treating, or disposing of livestock waste or for the recovery of by-products from the livestock waste. Two or more livestock waste handling facilities under common ownership and where a minimum distance of a quarter mile does not separate the facilities are considered a single livestock waste handling facility.

Livestock Waste means livestock excreta and associated feed losses, bedding, wash waters, sprinkling waters from livestock cooling, precipitation polluted by falling on or flowing onto an animal feeding operation, and other materials polluted by livestock.

Owner or Operator means any person who owns, leases, controls, or supervises a livestock management or livestock waste handling facility.

Release means any spilling, leaking, pumping, treating, or disposing of livestock waste or livestock waste handling facility.

**ADVICE AND ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

- U of I Cooperative Extension Service
  http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/state/findoffice.html
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
  http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app
- Soil and Water Conservation District
  http://www.aiwcd.org/districtinfo.asp

**INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS ON REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Illinois EPA
Bureau of Water Field Operations Section
(217) 782-3362

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ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
LIVESTOCK WASTE RELEASE REQUIRED REPORT INFORMATION FORM

*Attach additional pages if more space is required to answer questions.*

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The Illinois EPA is authorized to request this information under the Environmental Protection Act, 415 ILCS 5/4(b) and 5/4(h). Use of this reporting format is voluntary, as long as the information required by the Livestock Management Facilities Act, 510 ILCS 77/18, concerning the release is reported in a timely manner.