

# Michigan State Department Communications

## What State Agency has Responsibility?

# The Local Health Department Dilemma

- There has been a fire at a mill and feed store that also sold bulk pesticides. Which division would I call? Michigan Department of Agriculture Spills or Animal Feed?

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- A company that sold only bulk fertilizer and animal feed. It was abandoned, and no one was aware that the chemicals; ammonium nitrate, Nitric acid, potash, etc. were left with no security. It was an odd situation because it was "discovered" when a drug deal went bad and a man was dropped in a vat of sodium hydroxide. So at the time we called it in to the PEAS system. So would abandoned agricultural chemicals be reported to Agricultural Spills?

# The Local Health Department Dilemma

- A hospital emergency room called about a child that had exposure to paraquat from aerial application. She had been playing in the field nearby. Who investigates chemical exposure to humans due to aerial applications of pesticides? What if it were an insecticide exposure on swine or cattle?

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- If someone calls our department and says that while a farmer was spraying his cherry orchard a mist (we have no idea what it was) blew over their backyard dinner party and on their pool. Who is called - Ag spills?

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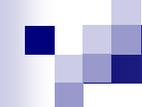
- If we are investigating a complaint and we verify that there are hundreds of empty (?) pesticide cans in a ravine. Does MDA have an interest in that?

# The Local Health Department Dilemma

- A chemical plant has released a known carcinogen in the air. A milk producer is within 100 yards of the release. I call Human Food (dairy in that division)?

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- Our animal control officers respond to a complaint about a bad smell and sounds from a home. They find several monkeys and a chimpanzee in deplorable unsanitary conditions. Some of the primates are dead. Call animal industry?



Michigan Department of Agriculture  
Draft Emergency Response

Michigan Department of  
Environmental Quality  
Pollution Emergency Alert  
System (PEAS)



# Solution

## The Michigan Health Alert Network