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## **Quarantine Release Procedure**

For  
**Privately-Owned Cervidae (POC) Facilities**

- Determination of POC Facility release will be based on the Quarantine Release Criteria document (posted on [www.michigan.gov/chronicwastingdisease](http://www.michigan.gov/chronicwastingdisease)). The categories are based on levels of disease testing status and compliance with Act 190 of 2000 as amended, the Privately-Owned Cervidae Producers Marketing Act.
- The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) obtains owners' names from the disease testing database and organizes them by their disease testing status. Compliance with CWD testing regulations and compliance with bovine TB testing regulations will apply.
- Once these names are put into groupings based on the Quarantine Release Criteria document, they are sent to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). DNR then checks three things:
  - (1) The registration status of each facility (active or expired)
  - (2) Whether or not the owner has turned in inventories for the past 5 years
  - (3) Whether or not there are violations to Act 190 of 2000
- After this internal audit process is done, the list of names is sent to either USDA-Wildlife Services or the local DNR biologist to complete the quarantine release inspections. The local DNR biologist will be visiting those facilities that are up for renewal in Fiscal Year 2009 (October 1, 2008-September 30, 2009). USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services personnel will visit the remaining facilities.
- After the inspection is completed, staff will send all results to Lansing and the quarantine releases will be issued by MDA. Field personnel will NOT issue a release form during the inspection. ALL facilities currently quarantined must have a release inspection before they will be released from quarantine.

The quarantine release inspection will consist of several things. It is similar to the POC facility renewal audit. Please use the checklist below to prepare yourself for the quarantine release inspection:

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- Fence check: Is your fence in compliance with Act 190 of 2000 and the Operational Standards for POC facilities?
- Records Check: Are you keeping copies of your yearly inventory reports for the last seven years?
- Records Check: Are you filling out your weekly fence inspection log?
- Records Check: Are you keeping records of all cervids purchased and/or sold?
- Records Check: Are you keeping copies of all your CWD and bovine TB testing results?
- Animal Inventory: Do you have a list of your complete whole herd inventory? (you will have to give a copy to field staff)
- Animal Identification: Are all your animals over one year of age tagged with two forms of ID? (except ranches)

For additional information please contact the MDA Animal Industry Division at: 517-373-1077.

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