MAEAP Clean Sweep

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The Michigan Clean Sweep program helps protect the state's natural resources by facilitating the proper disposal of outdated, unused, or unwanted pesticides. Permanent pesticide drop-off sites operated by local staff and frequently coordinated with local hazardous waste programs have been a key to program success. The state's conservation districts provide technical assistance by arranging special collection events in areas not typically served, expanding the reach of some permanent sites. Pesticide disposal costs are covered by the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program.

IMPACT FOR MICHIGAN:

The Michigan Clean Sweep program makes it easier for farmers and other homeowners to dispose of pesticides from old barns, basements, homes, and sheds. Investigations of environmental contamination from chemicals can cost tens of millions of dollars, last for many years, and require remediation that may cost more than the investigation. This program helps ensure that the state and its citizens avoid additional costs of accidents, fires, floods, and other disasters.

2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Collected more than 224,922 pounds of pesticide – a program record!
- Continuing upward trend in collection numbers.
- Satellite collections held in 17 counties sponsored by and in addition to permanent counties.

MEASURING SUCCESS:

Metric	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Clean sweep permanent sites	18	18	18	18	17	17
Pesticides collected (pounds)	176,970	173,483	179,470	194,039	184,081	224,922
Disposal program costs covered ($)	240,859	207,520	230,610	200,000	230,952	270,845

2020 PROGRAM GOALS:

- Add 1-2 permanent sites
- Extending reach to surrounding counties through 17 satellite collections
- Collect and dispose 180,000 pounds of pesticides
- Develop additional procedures that reduce per pound collection costs for grantees and vendors

KEY STAKEHOLDERS:

- Agriculture industry groups
- Michigan agri-business
- Greenhouse industry
- Residential pesticide users
- Local hazardous waste program

LEGAL AUTHORITY:

- Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Public Act 451 of 1994, Part 82 (Conservation Practices) and Part 87 (Groundwater and Freshwater Protection), as amended
- Public Acts 1 and 2 of 2011, as amended