

What is an Emergency Action Plan and Why Have One?

An emergency action plan is a basic, yet thorough, common-sense plan that will help you make the right decision during an emergency. Such a plan is needed to

- Thwart Murphy's Law: accidents happen.
- Show responsible preparation.
- Protect you and others against environmental damage.
- Meet state requirements.

If it is written down, you will use it.

Emergency action plans are needed to minimize the environmental impact of manure spills, discharges, or mishaps. In several states, these plans are required to be developed and maintained on all livestock and poultry operations, especially those with liquid manure management systems. Using resources found in this lesson, you can develop an emergency action plan for your manure handling and application system.