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## Partnerships: Animal Producers and Regulatory Agencies

Pollution prevention and environmental stewardship should be a primary goal for animal producers and regulatory agencies. Both groups should work together before accidents occur to shorten the response time and minimize the impact when spills do happen. Accidents happen, but some can be avoided through proper planning, maintenance, and preparation. Animal producers need a healthy environment and supportive community to produce meat, milk, and eggs for our country and the world. Management plans and structures should be in place to prevent spills from occurring. When dealing with regulatory agencies, be proactive rather than reactive in responding to spills. Remember the following points when developing or reviewing an emergency action plan for your farm.

- Preventing pollution is a partnership that protects both human and environmental health.
- Producers should report all spills regardless of size. Let the regulatory agency determine what constitutes a spill.
- Contain and clean up spills by responding vigorously.
- Remember that enforcement and penalties usually reflect the response to and impact of a spill.