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**Producer Advisory Addendum
Calhoun County Oil Spill**

Any livestock agriculture entities east of Morrow Lake to the point source of the pipeline oil spill in Calhoun County, Michigan, until further notice and to the extent possible, - should not ship animals for sale or slaughter if they have grazed on oil-contaminated pasture or come into direct contact with oil. Livestock with a history of exposure to petroleum will be condemned by federal food safety inspectors.

Using contaminated water for irrigation may result in contaminating animals, crops, and feed sources which will be considered adulterated by the Michigan Food Law and thus will not be allowed into the food supply.

Use of contaminated river water for irrigation may result in oil contamination of the soil surface, which could then create a pollution risk by moving through the soil profile into the groundwater.

Anyone using Kalamazoo River water within a farm operation should pay attention to possible oil related odors. If these odors are present, immediately cease the use of the river water.

It would be in violation of the Michigan Food Law for someone to hold, offer for sale, sell, manufacture, process food or feed product found to be adulterated or known to be adulterated.

The MDA Advisory of July 27 and 28, 2010 remains in effect until modified or canceled by the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment is in the process of collecting river water samples this weekend, to obtain more definitive information.

Note: In the event of a change in emergency status, the July 27 and 28, 2010 advisory may be superseded by a Governor's directive.

Based on the Michigan Commercial Feed Law, oil or any other poisonous substances found in feed and/or feed ingredients such as corn, soybeans, wheat, hay, etc. is considered adulterated and in violation of the Michigan Feed Law. It would be in violation of this act should someone distribute adulterated feed.

Oil or any other poisonous substances found in food or drink for humans or other animals (feed) is considered adulterated and in violation of the Michigan Food Law.

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