

## Manure Spill April 20, 2024

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Back Road Beef, LLC had a manure spill. It occurred around 12 pm as a result of a six-inch manure hose failure during start up. At the time of failure, the line pressure was around 20 psi. This problem was noticed quickly, and supply pumps were shut down and supply valves closed.



Based on hose size and topography it is estimated that 3000 gallons may have gotten into a drainage ditch. By 12:20 pm a plastic wrapped round bale was deployed and pressed against a culvert in the drainage ditch.



It was downstream of any cloudy or discolored water. It was around this time the DNR spill hotline was called, and the incident reported. By 12:45 a pump and drag hose rig was set and the drainage ditch was pumped onto a nearby field.



The field is in the Back Road Beef, nutrient management plan and identified as Hom8A. We proceeded to inject approximately 100,000 gallons of ditch water.



The water appeared clear and odorless when pumping ceased at approximately 3:20 pm. During pumping, multiple calls and photos were shared with Peter Raymond at the DNR spill response hotline. Atmosphere conditions were 50 °F, overcast and soil was dry during the spill response.

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