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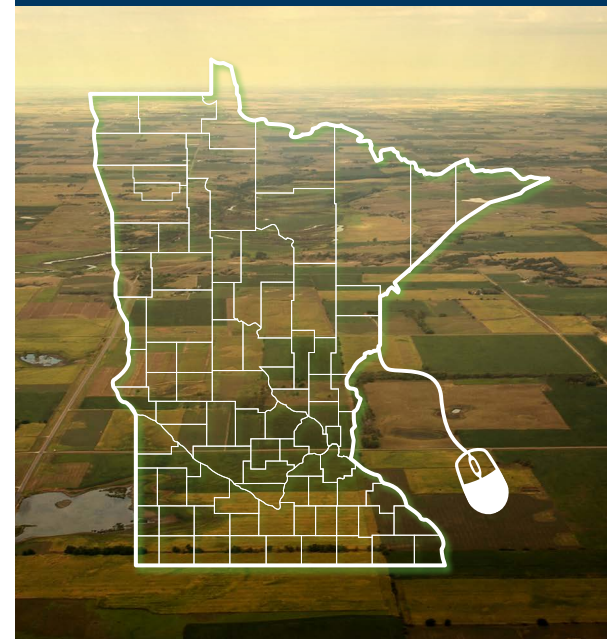
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# USING SPILLS AND CLEANUP HOMEPAGE & THE “What’s In My Neighborhood? – Agricultural” INTERACTIVE MAP SITE



[www.mda.state.mn.us/chemicals/spills/  
incidentresponse/neighborhood](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/chemicals/spills/incidentresponse/neighborhood)





## Incident Response Unit Online

### Accessing the Spills and Cleanup Homepage

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is the lead agency for response to and cleanup of agricultural chemical (Ag-Chem) contamination in Minnesota. Because of this, the MDA has tracked Ag-Chem spills and contaminated sites since the late 1970s. This information is available online at the MDA Spills and Cleanup Homepage. Our homepage can be accessed at: [www.mda.state.mn.us/pesticide-fertilizer/spills-cleanup](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/pesticide-fertilizer/spills-cleanup)

### What type of information is available?

- Information about each program area
- IRU guidance documents and forms
- MDA county spills lists
- The IRU Investigation Priority List
- Links to relevant statutes and rules
- Spill and investigation data
- Access to our Investigation Mapping Application “What’s in My Neighborhood? - Agricultural”

### What is “What’s In My Neighborhood? – Agricultural”?

“What’s In My Neighborhood? – Agricultural” is an interactive mapping application which provides location based search capabilities for Ag-Chem spills and investigations.

### Who should visit the Spills and Cleanup Homepage?

- Individuals or businesses who are buying or selling property
- Public employees who are looking for contaminant source information
- Property owners
- Environmental consultants
- Realtors

### Does a search of this data constitute a due diligence inquiry for a property transfer?

No, this site includes only agricultural chemical investigations. For other types of contaminants, you must review data from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (use the MPCA link on our homepage).

### Does this data include all investigations and incident data?

Since the MDA only stores summary information in the database, and because it takes time to enter spill and investigation data into our database, some investigations may not be included on the website. There will always be additional details about the investigations contained in the incident case file. For additional information or to find out if there are additional case files relevant to your area of interest, contact the MDA Data Practices Coordinator at (651)-201-6698.

### How do I search the data?

We recommend that you start by printing out the County Spill Report for the county your area of interest is in. Then, enter the “What’s In My Neighborhood? – Agricultural” map site. On the map site, zoom in to your area of interest and look for investigations on or near your site. Use the “identify” (i) feature to get information about relevant case files. Print the area map and the tabular reports for your records. Finally, call the MDA contact for additional information about relevant sites.

### How is the GIS data organized?

We have included (4) four layers on the map page. The first (3) three together, represent all of our mapped investigations. The fourth covers sites which were closed with contingencies.

### The included layers are:

#### 1. Old Emergencies

Points representing the locations of spills which were closed prior to March 1, 2004. Caution, these points and the associated attributes were not checked for accuracy.

#### 2. Small Spills

These points represent recent small spills and investigations.

#### 3. Investigation Boundaries

These polygons represent the investigated area for large spills and other types of facility investigations.

#### 4. Contingencies

These polygons represent soil or ground water investigation areas which have a contingency attached to them.

### What if my site has a contingency?

Review the Contingency document linked to the site (PDF file in the identify result window) and contact the staff person listed for the site if you need additional information.

