## Manure and Silo Gas and Gas Leaks Response Procedure

## **Refer to Appendix 1: Emergency Contact Information**

## List what steps or actions should be taken and, if applicable, who is responsible:

- Get to fresh air immediately if you start coughing or experience throat irritation.
- If you suspect you have been exposed to silo gas or high levels of manure gas, seek medical attention immediately. Call your doctor, poison control centre, or 911.
- If a rescue becomes necessary, call 911 or your local fire department. Do not attempt a rescue on your own.
- Rescue crews must wear a self-contained breathing apparatus, use a rope and safety harness (for confined spaces) and have at least one person stationed outside to monitor the rescue and provide assistance if needed.
- If the victim is outside the confined space, move to fresh air. Keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing until first responders arrive.
- If you suspect a natural gas or propane leak, leave the area immediately and go to a safe location and call your gas supplier.
- Do not try to locate the source of the leak or shut off gas valves within the building.
- If there is the risk of fire or explosion, contact your fire department or dial 911.
- Do not do anything that could cause a spark and ignite the gas such as:
  - use electrical devices, such as light switches, telephones, or garage door openers
  - use an open flame, matches or lighters
  - start vehicles parked in the area
- Do not re-enter the building or return to the area until the gas company or fire department deems it safe.
- Other:

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