

# Bulk Milk Hauler In Field Transfers

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# Administrative Code governing when milk can be unloaded in field

**Per ATCP 82.14** - Except in the event of a traffic accident, vehicle breakdown, or similar emergency, no milk from a bulk milk tanker may be unloaded from a bulk milk tanker or transferred to another bulk milk tanker at any place other than a dairy plant ...



# Industry must report transportation accidents

**Per ATCP 82.14 (cont.)** ...If milk is unloaded or transferred at any location other than a licensed dairy plant, the person having custody of the milk shall notify the department of that unloading or transfer before that milk is processed or shipped to any other location.



# Accidents happen...now what?

Common Reasons for in field transfers

- ▶ Tanker Rollover (soft road shoulders)
- ▶ Engine Failure
- ▶ Loss of pneumatics (brakes lock up)
- ▶ Traffic Accident

All of these are acceptable reasons for an in field transfer of milk

Tow trucks need bulk haulers to off-load some/all of the milk to recover the vehicle and make it stable for transport



# Accidents happen...now what?

Determine what happened and the current condition of the bulk tanker & milk

- ▶ Is the internal wall of the bulk tank undamaged? No punctures or creases
- ▶ Is the manhole cover/cap intact?
- ▶ Is the outlet valve functional?
- ▶ Is food grade hosing available to make a transfer?
- ▶ Can the milk be transferred in a sanitary manner?

If all of these questions can be answered “yes”, the milk can be safely transferred



# Accidents happen...now what?

Notify the Department of the need to transfer

- ▶ Food and Recreational Safety Emergency Response Line
  - ▶ 608-224-4714 – during business hours
  - ▶ Will go to voicemail, which is monitored by Department response staff
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- ▶ Call Wisconsin Emergency Management Duty Officer, 800-943-3000, during non-business hours
  - ▶ Duty officer will collect relevant information and contact Department response staff



# Accidents happen...now what?

Notify the Department of the need to transfer

- ▶ If no State staff can be reached in a timely manner and all of the conditions for a safe transfer are met, the load can be transferred without express permission of the department.
- ▶ Take photographs of the transfer.
- ▶ A department representative will contact you to discuss the accident and the transfer and request supporting documentation.



# Accidents happen...now what?

If milk is spilling out of the bulk tanker, MANDATORY notification to Wi-Department of Natural Resources

- ▶ Milk spilled to the ground poses a risk to surface and ground water
- ▶ Can lead to fish kill off in lakes and streams

The DNR has a 24-hour spill emergency helpline:

- ▶ **1-800-943-0003** to report spills to the ground
- ▶ Be ready to provide the following info
  - ▶ the spill location
  - ▶ product spilled
  - ▶ approximate amount spilled
  - ▶ Is the spill ongoing?





# Accidents happen...now what?

Milk must be transferred in sanitary manner

- ▶ Transfers from the manhole is unacceptable
- ▶ Transfer to an intermediate vessel is unacceptable

Considerations:

- ▶ Any salvaged milk is considered Grade B
- ▶ New Bills of Lading are needed for each load
- ▶ Any samples in the cab need to be transferred to the new hauler



# Accidents happen...now what?

The Department will need information/  
documentation of the in field transfer

- ▶ Description of the reason for in field transfer
- ▶ Hauler contact information
- ▶ Original destination plant information
- ▶ Replacement hauler information
- ▶ New destination plant, if different than original
- ▶ Copies of original and new Bills of Lading
- ▶ Copies of off-loading weight tickets
- ▶ Photos of the in field transfer (if available)



# Questions



# Thank you for your time

## **Wisconsin Rapid Response Team**

Phone: 608-224-4714

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