

Environmental Partners: Fill the Regulatory Gap and Avoid the Cleanup Trap

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Recent Changes on Two Fronts

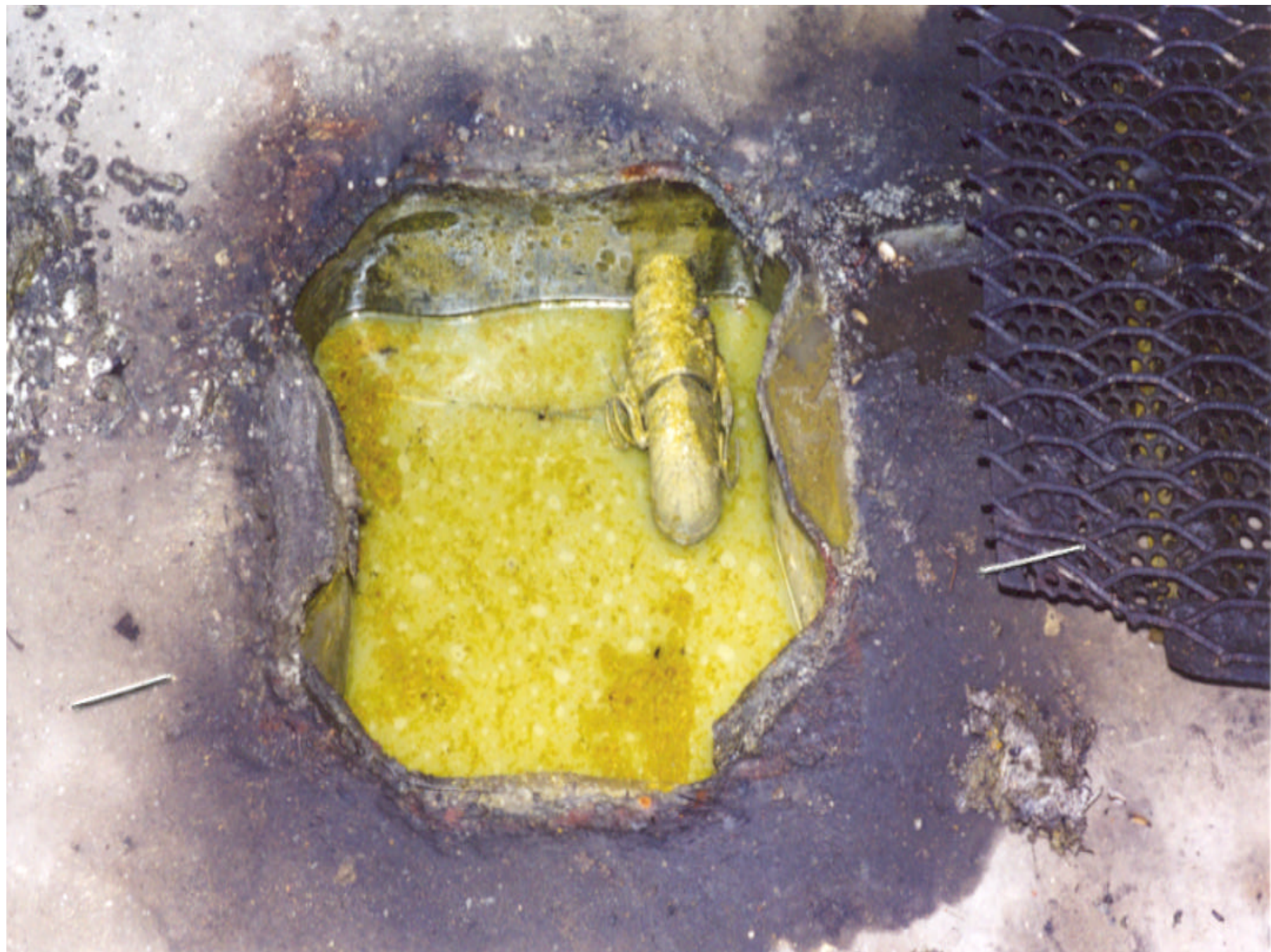
- **Compliance/Inspections**
- **Voluntary Action/
Non-Regulatory Assistance**

Compliance Survey

- **Bulk Storage inspections.**
- **Look in-season.**
- **Findings in 2002.**

Common Problems

- Unsafe sumps.
- Poor waste disposal.
- Dirty equipment.
- Dry fertilizer escape.







Poor Waste Fertilizer Handling















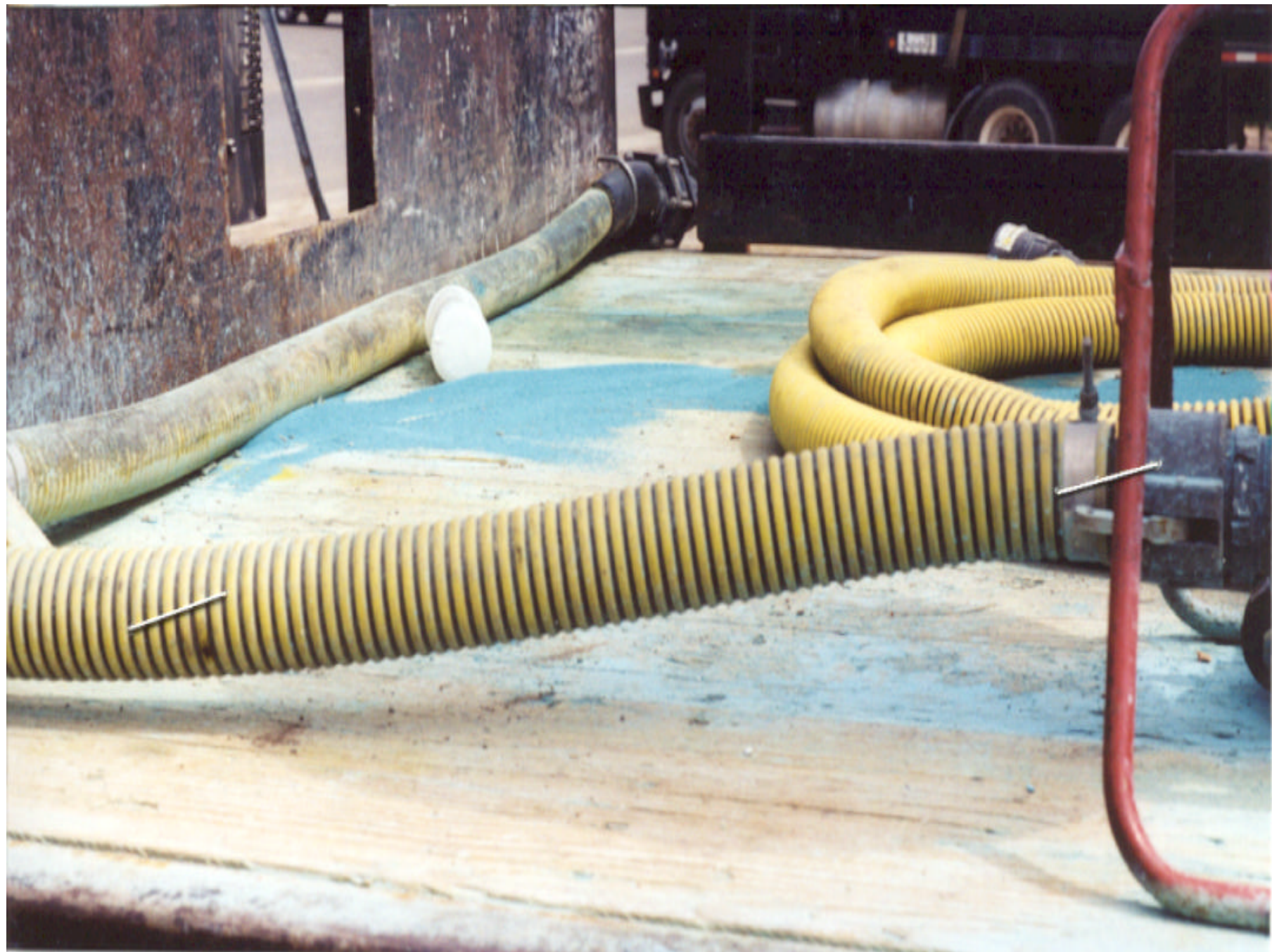
It may be just dust, but it is still fertilizer...











Caked on Dirt and Chemical



The Regulatory Gap

- **Containment Rules aren't perfect.**
- **Inspections can't catch all.**
- **Much left up to management.**

Why fill the Gap?

- **Groundwater Protection/Remediation**
- **Cleanup Program often catches problems overlooked.**
- **Inaction leads to the trap.**

Inspections 2003

- **Special project, EPA funded.**
- **More done in-season.**
- **Focus on management areas.**

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Agri Business Excellence

Environmental Partners Program

- **Non-regulatory assistance to volunteers.**
- **Help identify environmental problem areas and find practical solutions.**
- **Reward participants through public recognition and better odds avoiding cleanup .**

LEVEL 1 - Self Implementation

- **Have a pollution prevention policy.**
- **Conduct facility evaluations.**
- **Establish a planning and implementation process for improvements.**
- **Train staff on policy and procedures.**

Join by simply affirming these steps.

LEVEL 2 - Show Us

- **Improvements verified by assessment team.**
- **Document planning and training process.**
- **Demonstrate performance.**
- **Continue biannual assessments.**

Rewards an active improvement process, not perfection.

LEVEL 3 - Spread the Word

- **Demonstrate stewardship beyond facility.**
- **Promote the program to others.**

Entry by application to industry oversight committee.

Recognition

- **Targets community, customers, peers.**
- **Level 1-small door signs, hats, statewide publication.**
- **Level 2 - Large sign at roadside. Article in local paper.**
- **Level 3 - Visit by dignitary, higher profile article.**

Benefits

- Take more control of outcome, reduce risk.
- Improve stewardship credibility.
- Strong Industry response could hold off more rules.

REMINDERS

- **SIGN-UP for Environmental Partners**
- **Take Advantage of Sludge Program**