



*State Requirements for
Reportability of Toxicoses*

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Case Histories

- *Case of arsenic poisoned cattle with samples from outside the state of testing*
- *Case of OP poisoned sheep with samples from outside the state of testing*
- *Both cases originated from animal owners*

Case Histories

- *Both cases would not give me authority to advise their state regulatory bodies of the incidents*
- *Laboratory SOPs on client confidentiality prevents release of client data, unless authorized by the client or mandated by law or regulatory bodies*

How we Proceeded

- *Dr. Wilson Rumbelha and I designed a questionnaire regarding toxic event reporting*
- *Questionnaire sent to ALL state veterinarians*

Results

- *We received 18 responses*
 - *12 had NO reporting requirements*
 - *6 had some type of required reporting*
- *Some mentioned “good relationship with state lab and expectation of notice*
- *Even with those requiring reporting, the laws (statutes) apply to state residents*

What about Non-resident labs

- *Requirements would fall to the resident(s) of the state that received results*
- *In some states with reporting requirements, it does not follow through to animal owners*
- *Two states indicated that out-of-state labs would be required to report, but stated that they likely would not know*

States with requirements

■ *General Wording*

- *The Utah List of Reportable Conditions for Animals has the following listed as to be reported to the state's veterinarian office – “Toxic Substance Contamination – anything that could involve potential danger to humans or other animals”*
- *Maine: Require reporting of any toxic substance exposure that may threaten animal health, human health or food safety*
- *Washington: WAC 16-70 - report to the State Veterinarian immediately upon suspicion: Livestock exposed to toxic substances which may threaten public health, Unexplained increase in dead or diseased animals*

States with requirements

- *Michigan – reportable – Any animal contaminated with a toxic substance.....*
- *California: Any conditions caused by exposure to toxic substances that have or may have the potential to be a public health, animal health, or food safety threat must be reported within 24 hours*
- *Minnesota- No law, but required by policy??*

What Now??

- *Come up with logical wording for recommended requirements.*
- *Do not make it so overbearing as to require reporting of every analysis with positive results.*
- *Aid laboratories in protecting the public and animal industries.*



■ *Questions*