# Wrap-Up Session Notes

NEWMOA States-EPA Workshop for Avian Flu Response Planning, April 13, 2006

### **NEXT STEPS**

(from this meeting)

- Master plan of all state plans (role for NEWMOA ?)
- Presentations will be posted on NEW MOA website
- Training for fed & state response staff offered by USDA on how to enter a farm

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# WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

- Engage waste industry ( state to state?)
- Reach out to poultry industry

  Maine experience: developing industry composting crews
- Centralized hotlines to offer public consistent info
- GIS system statewide to catalogue info about resources
- Statewide specific contact info
- State by state assessment of each disposal option
- Use of permitting requirements to expand LF options some precedent for regulating LF as utilities
- Contact points plus info routes to get common base of info fast
- Centralized press conferences
- Fold in local press on all planning, don't wait for incident, use PSA's
- Need better understanding of science behind groundwater impact of composting on-site
- Need for composting expertise on the ground.
- Concern about ultimate disposition of composted material : public perception, but NOT public health issue
- Need assess to available papers research / scientific info / experience on composting for pathogen concerns
- Need reliable info at state level to respond to dead bird phone calls
- Need link between public health & DEP agencies to respond to inquiries
- Standardized protocols for composting in this context
- Composting: getting how-to to the right people

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## HANDLING/DISPOSAL

### Seek state doc

- Composting on site/ offsite
- Landfilling
- In- state
- Out- of- State?

Q: How to dispose of anti-microbial used in composting?

#### **TRAINING**

- Cross Programs- Agencies
- Involved Parties
  - ✓ Farmers
  - ✓ Local gov.
  - ✓ Community groups
  - ✓ E-groups
  - ✓ \* Media/Press
- Train-the-Trainer

## STRIKE TEAM

- Ag/Vets
- Health
- Envior- Management
- Wildlife
- State/regional

**Planners** 

#### **SHARING INFO**

- How best?
- Coordination points?
- Fed-State expert help to areas beyond their area
- Science of composting

## INFO SHARING POINTS

- Water Resource/supply
  - Need to coordinate with these folks
- Who will collect dead-wild birds

- Who is trained to handle bio-haz materials
  - USDA
    - Plan who's going to collect samples/test? Wild?
    - Need many people per state trained in PPE- etc.
    - How do we deal with multiple incidents...far apart?
    - Wildlife Services
  - response capabilities
  - 15 wild- biologist, across USA?
  - Wild birds dying & landing in reservoirs
    - Public will call Health
      - -State
      - City
      - local

need same x-act answers

## **KEY POINTS**

Communication plan

- Define risk for public {address fears}
- Cross- Agency Training
- Consistent Message
- Roles/ responsibilities
- Use terms- Correctly- consistently
- List Serve –AI
- Issue of transporting waste across state lines
- Responding to small backyard calls