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Contaminated feed that killed 50,000 turkeys at West Michigan farm subject of federal probe



Some 50,000 turkeys on a West Michigan farm were killed by contaminated feed that may have been sent to more than 100 farms in eight states. (MLive file)



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KALAMAZOO, MI -- A federal investigation has been underway for months to determine what actions led to the poisoning death of 50,000 turkeys on a West Michigan farm last August. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said "extraordinary steps" assured no tainted meat from Michigan ever reached market.

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The recent revelation of the incident to Michigan agriculture commissioners may have raised as many questions as it answered about how contaminated feed came to be fed to the turkeys, as well as at least 20,000 hogs on the same Michigan farm, and how more than 100 farms in eight states received the contaminated feed.

The details of what went wrong, and how far-reaching the problem may be, have not yet been explained by the FDA and U.S. Department of Agriculture, the lead agencies investigating the matter.

"This event is still under investigation, so we are limited in what information we can provide," FDA spokesperson Juli Putnam said in a prepared statement Monday, Feb. 9. "Here's what we can share at this time: The turkeys ... that were exposed to feed contaminated with Lascadoil died before they made it to market, and exposed hogs were subjected to the recommended 28-day withdrawal period before going to slaughter."

In general, the FDA regulates animal drugs, animal feeds, and foods produced by animals. USDA plays a lead role in regulating aspects of some meat, poultry, and egg products, according to the statement.

In what State Veterinarian James Averill said was the first public acknowledgement of the incident, state scientists at the Jan. 21 meeting of the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development outlined the quick actions taken to keep consumers safe and contain the incident.

Rick Sietsema, one of the owners of Sietsema Farms of Allendale, a network of family-owned farms, told the Kalamazoo Gazette that entire flocks of turkeys at five of the farm's locations died on the same weekend, before any of the birds went to market.

Sietsema said he, the farm's veterinarian and employees worked around the clock that weekend, collecting samples of dead birds and feed for analysis. At 5:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 11 they headed to Lansing with the samples, and notified the **Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development** (http://www.mlive.com/lansing-news/index.ssf/2015/01/michigan_ag_department_adding.html).

Because feed was the only common denominator between the birds, a feed problem was the prime suspect, Averill and April Hunt, with the MDARD's Pesticide and Pest Management Division, told commissioners. Other state and federal agencies were called in, and a rapid emergency response initiated, Brad Deacon, MDARD emergency management coordinator, told the Gazette.

Hogs on the farm had eaten similar feed were held off the market for 28 days, even though no trace of contamination was found in meat samples later submitted for testing, according to Sietsema.

The only other hogs moved from the farm during the investigation period were fed a finishing ration at out-of-state farms, from a different feed source, Sietsema said.

Averill said he was not sure whether meat from those animals that left the state was ever tested after slaughter for presence of the drug. Nor was he aware of the status of the investigation outside of Michigan.

Deacon and MDARD Director of Communications Jennifer Holton said until the investigation is finished, they cannot connect the dots between what happened in Michigan and how it fits into the larger investigation. "As soon as we are able," a detailed report will be issued, Holton said.

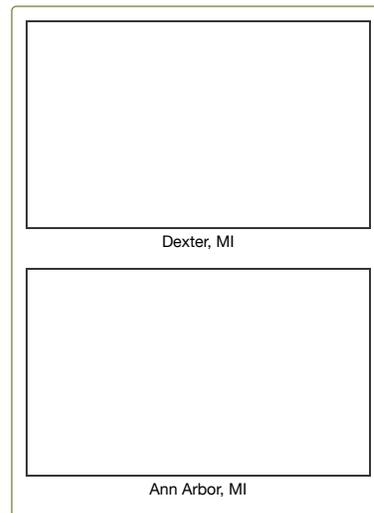
Sietsema said he is anxious to learn from federal investigators exactly how tainted grease intended for industrial uses was instead shipped to his farm as a feed additive.

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"We expect a product that comes to us to meet the specs that the FDA has set up," he said. "It is frustrating."

The USDA would not speak about the incident on the record and referred questions about the investigation to the FDA.

Averill said he is not privy to many of the details of the federal investigation; Michigan agriculture officials were not allowed by federal investigators to reveal anything about the incident until his briefing to commissioners last month.

Meanwhile, Sietsema said the loss to his family farm has hit more than \$1 million, and that there is no insurance coverage for incidents such as this. Until the FDA, USDA and MDARD issue their final reports, he said, he does not know whether it will be possible to seek compensation from the company that supplied the contaminated oil.

The timeline

Lasalocid is a drug approved for use in feed for poultry to combat parasites, and in cattle and sheep to help them gain weight faster. The safe level for turkeys is 68-113 grams per ton; levels found in the dead turkeys was much higher than that. The drug is not used in pork production; samples of the hog feed found as much as 1,510 grams per ton, when there should have been none at all.

That finding, and the farm's own records, helped confirm that the mistake was not one of the farm simply mixing the turkey ration incorrectly, Averill said.

Instead, it appears that industrial processing waste oil used in the manufacture of Lasalocid and intended for use as a component of biofuel was instead used as an ingredient in animal feed.

The quantity of tainted oil was not disclosed, nor its origin.

Sietsema said that after the contamination was discovered, workers removed 450 tons of contaminated feed and thoroughly cleaned the entire grain storage operation.

Analysis of 25 different feed ingredients in the problem feed, including oil and grease used in the feed mix for flavor and content, Hunt said, led researchers to determine the contaminated material was in what was supposed to be restaurant grease, which should not contain drug residue. The source was traced to a Michigan grease processor, which had shipped contaminated grease to 13 locations in four states, Averill said. MDARD issued a stop-sale order.

Deacon said no details about that processor or the shipments could yet be released.

Averill said the shipment of industrial waste as feed-grade oil was apparently due to a paperwork mix-up. The FDA continued to trace the source of the grease, and eventually issued a news release explaining that industrial processing waste oil "Lascadoil intended for commercial use (biofuels) may have crossed over into the feed ingredient stream."

Details of what the FDA's trace-back revealed were not immediately available, but Averill said that on Oct. 23 an Ohio company issued a voluntary national recall due to the "death of turkeys" including a "load sold on or before Sept. 17, 2014 with a geographic distribution of the United States." No quantity or source was specified.

Deacon said he believed the Ohio recall was "as far as we know" part of the same single incident.

As of Oct. 23, "the company has received adverse event reports or product complaints attributable to the levels of Lasalocid sodium in the oil," the recall notice states. "This may be harmful to poultry or livestock."



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On Nov. 12 the Michigan grease supplier signed consent agreement with MDARD. The details have not been disclosed.

Wendy Banka of the Michigan Small Farm Council, who was present at the Jan. 21 state agriculture commission meeting, said she had many concerns. Among them, she said: "Where did the contaminant come from, when did it enter our food supply, and how far did it go? Why was the public not notified immediately when 50,000 turkeys died on a single farm?"

Averill said MDARD "wanted to brief our commissioners on the incident and the response that the department made, but we had to wait until certain parts of the federal investigation were done. We had to hold off on that until we were given permission by the federal government, the FDA being the driver of it."

Those questions may be answered when the investigation is finished.

"The two agencies have worked very closely with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) on this investigation," the FDA statement said. "Based on this work and the federal agencies' recommendation, MDARD took extraordinary steps to ensure that animals potentially exposed to Lascadoil did not enter the food supply."



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According to the slides presented at the Agriculture Commission meeting where this was first publicly discussed, the lasalocid contaminant came from Shur-Green in Ohio. I believe Shur-Green was previously known as SureGreen, and before that, as State Line Agri, Inc., and before that as Kremer Family Farms.

Lasalocid is not simply an industrial waste product. It is a drug commonly fed to poultry to control parasites, and also to fatten them before sending to market. Sietsema Farms feeds the drug routinely to their poultry. The 50,000 that died apparently received extra doses from the contaminated grease that came from Shur-Green that was added to their feed. That same contaminated grease was mixed with the feed fed to swine, for which lasalocid is not an approved use.

The fact that Mr. Sietsema and officials from MDARD are now speaking publicly about this issue - months after it happened and after the food has left his farm and entered the food chain - gives little comfort. We know that the 50,000 turkeys that actually died were not sent to market, but we don't know when the contaminant first entered the food supply at Sietsema Farms, or how many animals that ate the feed but didn't die ended up on our Thanksgiving tables.

Lasalocid is known to be highly toxic to horses and other animals, and during the same time frame that this contamination occurred in Michigan (last fall and winter), a number of lasalocid contaminations of horse feed occurred in other states, resulting in many deaths. We have no information on whether the lasalocid contamination of feed in Michigan that killed poultry is related to these other lasalocid contaminations in other states that killed horses.

Finally, I would just note that lasalocid is known to accumulate in eggs, and has been an issue of concern in the U.K. for many years. Based on the slide deck shown by MDARD at the January 21st meeting, we know that contaminated feed was sent to farms that produce eggs. Have those eggs been tested or recalled, or are we eating those too?

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The Michigan feed was contaminated with lascadoil, the waste oil from the fermentation process used in the manufacture of Lasalocid. I am told this was not a drug overdose, this was a feed contamination issue. I agree, this has potentially far-reaching impact. The initial reports on the horse deaths you mentioned noted the contaminant was a different drug, but the Florida Department of Agriculture's own investigation reportedly confirmed the presence of monensin and also revealed another compound in the feed, lasalocid (whether from lascadoil or another source I do not yet know. Calling FL today...). Given the time frame of the horse problem, September, it is troubling. Also, as you say, until we know how these incidents occurred and the amount of oil potentially misdirected from industrial use to feed -- a barrel? A tanker? A fleet? Five year's worth? -- it's hard to know how Michigan's incident fits into the big picture or what the big picture is.

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(<http://connect.mlive.com/user/rparker/index.html>) Agree that at least two different drugs are involved in the horse feed contamination issue: monensin and lasalocid. Both are ionophores. At least some of the farms sent their samples to the Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health at Michigan State University. When I go to that website it appears that they can assay for "ionophores, qualitative". Does the MSU assay distinguish between monensin and lasalocid?
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(<http://connect.mlive.com/user/rparker3@mlive.com>) I hope to ask them. Also wonder if they were able to determine the source -- whether the drugs themselves or the waste residue.

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In the case of the Florida horse deaths, the problem was identified at the feed mill, which failed to follow it's clean out procedure between mixing bathes of medicated feed for cattle and non-medicated feed for horses. The source of the residue was not from contaminated industrial waste.

I'll post a link to the report from the Florida Department of Agriculture later today--can't do that from my iPad.

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Zeroing in on what happened is complicated by the government's lack of transparency. It does remind me of PBB, which I covered back in the 1970's. The drug residue that contaminated the feed was a by product of lasalocid. It appears to have come from the firm in Ohio that was supposed to turn it into biofuel. What this teaches us is that no one would have known this stuff was going into the pigs if the turkeys hadn't died. We ate some of those pigs before we found out - we would have continued to eat them if the turkeys had not been our canary in the coal mine. You also need to know that today that a significant proportion of th additives that go into feed do come from outside the U.S. - often China. So when we think of the melamine pet food scandal or a few years ago, we should be worried. We do not have a system that prevents bad stuff from getting into the feed - only a system to test once we know something bad got in. <http://www.mifoodnews.com/farms/echoes-of-pbb-contaminated-animal-feed-on-four-mi-farms/> (<http://www.mifoodnews.com/farms/echoes-of-pbb-contaminated-animal-feed-on-four-mi-farms/>)

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I had a hard time getting much information about oil products in general. What with the biofuel market losing its luster, I'm still trying to learn about the comparative value of each "stream." I'd welcome knowledgable comment on that topic.

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Line up all the Lawyers!

Its like the PBB contamination case back in the 1970's all over again !

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@Denny Olson (http://connect.mlive.com/user/denny_olson/index.html) I hope not.

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 If we didn't rely on so many factory type farms like this, we wouldn't see issues like this happening. We've allowed the small town grain elevators that used to supply feed to locals to be closed or consolidated with much larger companies and then the farmers end up paying the high price in the end.

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 @Mike_Steele_933 (http://connect.mlive.com/user/mike_steele_1/index.html) This particular large family-owned farm mixed its own feed rations for its various sites.

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calhouncritter (<http://connect.mlive.com/user/calhouncritter/index.html>) Feb 10, 2015
 They may have mixed their own rations, but where did they get the rations from? Did they grow & harvest the raw supplies themselves, or did they them elsewhere? I'm guessing they bought the supplies, and perhaps if they had bought smaller amounts from several sources, perhaps fewer of their birds would have been poisoned.

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 Lascadoil is in baby wipes under certain product names that I read about.

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Recalls: Lascadoil/Soyoil, Baby Wipes, Hash Browns, and some feather wings
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 @Artist (<http://connect.mlive.com/user/artist2behold/index.html>) The links lists some recalls, including one for baby wipes that " showed the presence of the bacteria Burkholderia cepacia (*B. cepacia*)" No connection to the Lascadoil that I could find, though that recall is also listed in the blog to which you linked.

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mousedeva (<http://connect.mlive.com/user/mousedeva/index.html>) Feb 10, 2015
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 Perhaps this situation wouldn't have been as bad if our meat consumption wasn't so great and was more local/sustainable so there's less lives on the line. Poor animals and poor farmers, sorry they had to go through this.....putting less chemical crap in the livestock and our own bodies would be nice too.

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 They shipped PBB tainted milk and meat back in the 70's. Is this stuff any worse?

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 @profchaos (<http://connect.mlive.com/user/profchaos/index.html>) As contaminants go, I'm not sure how Lascadoil stacks up against PBB. As situations go, the immediate recognition and response is quite different from the response of the 1970s. We don't know yet how this came about and how widespread it was.

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Stop feeding livestock the strange stuff.

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Vegetable oil isn't supposed to be strange stuff. The farmer did not expect to be feeding industrial waste. As he said, when he accepts delivery of a shipment, he expects it to meet the specs.

How did this happen? That's what they're trying to find out. I'll certainly share that information when I get it.

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Boognish Rising

(<http://connect.mlive.com/user/BoognishRising/index.html>) Feb 10, 2015

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(<http://connect.mlive.com/user/rparker/index.html>) "Vegetable oil isn't supposed to be strange stuff "

The irony in that statement would be funny if it was not so sad. Modern vegetable oils are terrible, unnatural products that only exist due to industrial processing. They are not natural, and our bodies cannot metabolically process them - they are one of the primary contributors to the epidemics of obesity, diabetes, and heart disease that we see today.

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Just to be fair, unless you are a doctor, biologist, or chemist, I'd like to hear your credentials to make such a statement.

1. For example, field corn, which is what you obviously think the birds should only be eating and not the "strange stuff," NATURALLY contains about 3-4% fatty acids which after being ground, and soaked in water, will collect and form vegetable oil.

2. While processing does allow them to be collected, these natural products are present with, or without mechanical aid.

3. The primary contributor to such epidemics are most often choices that we make which are most often avoidable. I'm not claiming to be the most healthy eater, but failing to recognize the actual reason for things like Type 2 Diabetes is poor judgement by the individual and anyone who believes your band-wagon comment.

4. Vegetable oil is added back to animal feeds for several reasons but not limited to: proper amino acid balance no different than a daily vitamin, add flavor so that the birds actually eat in hot summer weather, as well as provide the "natural" color to the meat that we as consumers "think" that it should look like when we buy frozen chicken. If you think that last sentence is a lie, ask your local grocer how often they dye meats, and re-grind better cuts into burger after their first expiration.

The producer is most often your best friend in this equation. The processor, a different party, is who determines what goes to market and in what form. If

you've never seen movies such as "Food Inc." & "Supersize Me," it would do many people good and organizations like McDonald's would be forced to change their production of food rather than waiting for companies like Chipotle to influence the market.

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<http://connect.mlive.com/user/BoognishRising/index.html> Sure, they are present naturally, in limited quantities. If you eat an ear of corn, you will be ingesting corn oil - and eating foods in their whole form is generally good practice.

However, industrially produced vegetable oils are a far cry from their native form, and to state they are present in their natural form without mechanical aid as if to provide support for them is disingenuous. Hell, most vegetable oils are not even edible in their native, whole plant form. The end product we consume from the bottle is unrecognizable by our body on a cellular level, and as such cause a long list of cellular dysfunctions, not the least of which is systemic inflammation VIA the production of free radicals (due to the fats being polyunsaturated), insulin resistance (leading to Type 2), and atherosclerosis.

Heart disease and Diabetes are entirely preventable in most cases. Yes, there are those with a genetic predisposition to these diseases. But the vast majority of people with these maladies need not have suffered, and to simply chalk it up to genetics/fast food/personal choice is simplistic and wrong. Diet is the primary factor, with adequate physical exertion being the other. Your body, your cells, operate based on the signals you provide them VIA what you eat. When a person eats a diet consisting primarily of sugars/carbohydrates and vegetable oils (as the standard American does), disease results. The rub is that people have been misled for decades as to what constitutes a healthy diet, and as such CANNOT make the right choice when it comes to food. Many people dutifully count their calories, eat their low-fat foods and whole grains, yet still end up with one of these diseases.

I am not a doctor, chemist, or biologist. However, my college education did include multiple chemistry, physics, and biology courses. I do not claim to be an expert in any of these fields - however I know enough to gain an understanding when reading on the subject of nutrition and its relation to cellular biology and metabolic systems. My opinion is informed by the works of other people, who ARE doctors/experts, that know much more than I do, and have interpreted the available data to arrive at these conclusions.

I would suggest anyone curious about the subject of human nutrition to look into and research the effects of vegetable oils on human biology. You may be surprised by what you find.

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<http://connect.mlive.com/user/alan9074/index.html> Does anyone know if this "feed" came from or was processed in a foreign country?

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One of the details not yet being shared.

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The feed ration was actually mixed locally, on the farm. But the tainted component-- source and distribution information not yet shared. It's rather like if you made a cake with what looked like Crisco and the Crisco it turned out to be industrial waste.

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There are Michigan food grease suppliers. Looks like two are located on the west side of the state; that's not to say the farm that experienced this horrid tragedy used either.

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Yes, there are. Which one was involved has not been revealed. Nor are details about where and when the problem occurred-- before the material got into Michigan? In Michigan? Was it a simple matter of the wrong box being checked in the paperwork? Switched up computer entries?

An intentional misrepresentation of contents? No details have been released yet.

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Holy cow. And people are worried about vaccines. Watch Food Inc.

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Why?

That movie is more hysterical lies and fear mongering.

In this case, like most others, the farmer took responsible action and followed through, despite the losses it meant, and got the ball rolling to identify any possible other health threats from their farm, or others. He is actually typical of farmers in this country in his ethics,

despite the constant baseless slander, lies, and agenda driven disinformation propagated by the liberal media.

The pack of lies sold to the masses in Food Inc., would have this farmer conspiring to sicken people in order to get a kickback from the feed supplier and Monsanto.

99% of the people in this country are three generations from actually knowing what food is, and isn't, and how it is produced, but they do know what they have been told on facebook, in the movies, and on the internet. "Bonjour".

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@Sean Patrick (<http://connect.mlive.com/user/Farmmal/index.html>) Thank you for restating an important part of this story, that this farmer took immediate action, despite the losses it meant to his farm, and his

efforts were a huge part of the effective response. He was also willing to talk openly about what happened, from his perspective. I know he would like very much to know more about how this all happened, and officials have promised to share details as soon as they can be shared without having an impact on the investigation.

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<http://connect.mlive.com/user/Farmmal/index.html> @ed580b <http://connect.mlive.com/user/ed580b/index.html> Agree with everything except the "liberal media".

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<http://connect.mlive.com/user/luvcompcheer/index.html> @Sean Patrick <http://connect.mlive.com/user/Farmmal/index.html> @ed580b <http://connect.mlive.com/user/ed580b/index.html> Oh NO! The "evil" liberal media. Time to get rid of gubermint regulations too!

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<http://connect.mlive.com/user/FredforNoneofUS/index.html> Any minute we should hear from Fred on how awful the Federal government is and how we need to get rid of these oversight agencies. Please just do your job Fred!

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The agencies and regulation did not stop anything in this case.
The ethics of the farmer did.
Get over yourself.

The agency's, and regulation will hopefully find the cause, but that is after the fact.
The onerous regulation and ridiculous requirements do not change a Farmers ethics, other than to pressure them with unnecessary costs when margins are already tight.
I suppose you think Regulations and laws stop speeding, murder and arson too.

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<http://connect.mlive.com/user/FredforNoneofUS/index.html> Until we know how this happened it's hard to know how regulation or lack thereof played into the problem.

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The point is that Fred votes to defund these individual agencies that provide oversight services. As he calls it "burdensome government intervention". Coming from Michigan we all remember the "bitter harvest" now don't we?

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(<http://connect.mlive.com/user/FredforNoneofUS/index.html>) "oversight services" I would guess you would be referring to the FDA, the FDA tests Nothing unless forced to, they rely on the data provided to them by the manufacturer, this is clearly stated on the FDA Homepage. And FDA is under the control of Who?...why the exalted Democratic Obama Administration of course.

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(<http://connect.mlive.com/user/FredforNoneofUS/index.html>) Spoken like a true democrat, I'd wager you blamed that 198 vehicle pileup on I-94 on Fred as well.

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(http://connect.mlive.com/user/pogo_possum/index.html) Yup, time to get rid of those pesky gubermint regulations.....

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Yeah, like they worked so well.

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Until we know how this happened it's hard to know how regulation or lack thereof played into the problem. Certainly the cooperative effort of agencies involved help contain the problem; whether more could have been done to prevent it in the first place I guess we wont know until we know how industrial waste came to be delivered as a feed-grade ingredient.

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