

Agriculture Local Emergency Response Teams (ALERT)

Some Commonly Used Acronyms

ADPAC- Animal Disaster Planning Advisory Committee	JIC- Joint Information Center
AGNR- College of Agriculture and Natural Resources	JTTF- Joint Terrorism Task Force
AHL- Animal Health Laboratory	MASCD- Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts
AHA- American Humane Association	MCAC- Maryland Coordination Analysis Center
ALERT- Agricultural Local Emergency Response Teams (MD)	MCES- Maryland Cooperative Extension Service
ANG- Army National Guard	MDA- Maryland Department of Agriculture
APHIS- Animal Plant Health Inspection Service	MDA-EOC- Maryland Department of Agriculture Emergency Operating Committee
ARC- American Red Cross	MDE- Maryland Department of the Environment
ASPCA- American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	MDOT- Maryland Department of Transportation
ATAC- Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council	MEMA- Maryland Emergency Management Agency
BGE - Baltimore Gas and Electric	MFRI- Maryland Fire Rescue Institute
CART- County Animal Response Team	MIEMSS- Maryland Institute of Emergency Management Services Systems
C&D- Cleaning and Disinfecting	MNG- Maryland National Guard
CCNPP- Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant	MSART- Maryland State Animal Response Team
COOP- Continuity of Operations Plan	MSP- Maryland State Police
CSEPP- Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program	MVMA- Maryland Veterinary Medical Association
DBED-Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development	NBC- Nuclear, Biological, Chemical- (usually associated with WMD)
DHMH- Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	NIMS- National Incident Management System
DNR- Maryland Department of Natural Resources	NRCS- Natural Resource Conservation Service (part of USDA)
EARS- Emergency Animal Rescue Service (part of United Animal Nations)	PAO- Public Affairs Officer
EAS- Emergency Alert System (replaces Emergency Broadcasting System)	PAWS- Professional Animal Workers Association
EDEN- Extension Disaster Education Network (National Extension organization)	PBNPP- Peach Bottom Nuclear Power Plant
EOC- Emergency Operations Center	PIO- Public Information Officer
EOP- Emergency Operating Plan	READEO- Regional Animal Disease Eradication Organization
EPA- Environmental Protection Agency	SART- State Animal Response Team
ESF- Emergency Support Function	SEOC- State Emergency Operation Center
ESOD- Emergency Services Officer for Drought	SOP- Standard Operating Procedure
FAD- Foreign Animal Disease	SERC- State Emergency Response Commission
FBI- Federal Bureau of Investigation	TAG- Technical Advisory Group
FCS- Family and Consumer Sciences	UAN-United Animal Nations (non-profit animal rescue group)
FEMA- Federal Emergency Management Agency	USDA- United States Department of Agriculture
FSA- Farm Services Administration (USDA)	VMAT- Veterinary Medical Assistance Teams
GEMAC- Governors Emergency Management Advisory Council	VMRCVM- Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine
HLS- Homeland Security	MDVOAD- Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
HSUS- Humane Society of the United States	VS- Veterinary Services, USDA-APHIS
ICS- Incident Command System	WMD- Weapons of Mass Destruction
IPCC- Ingestion Pathway Coordinating Committee: committee which decides on actions to be taken concerning agricultural commodities contaminated by radioactivity that could be eaten by livestock or humans. The ingestion pathway zone is usually considered to be a 50 mile circular zone around a nuclear power plant.	