

It is the RESPONSIBILITY of the CONTRACTOR/INSTALLER to provide safety signs as shown below or equal. One shall be located at each entrance/access point where access can result in a fatality due to manure gases and/or drowning. Several signs are specified for larger facilities. Three types of signs are required to cover different hazards. Bilingual operations should consider using both types.



Place one sign at each entrance/access point to a below-ground manure storage pit, covered ground-level storage, a covered above-ground storage, and all manure hoppers and reception pits.

Example locations: Collection hoppers, agitation point for slatted pits, septic tanks that hold milking center and manure wastes and any other confined space where waste is collected.



Place one sign at each entrance/access point of a manure storage pond, in-ground uncovered storage structure OR on each accessible side of a storage pond.

Example Locations: Open storage tanks, earthen storage ponds, and HDPE lined ponds.



Place one sign at each entrance/access and each agitation point of an uncovered manure storage pond, an uncovered above-ground manure storage structure, an uncovered below-ground manure storage structure, and all reception pits. Also place one where visitors or children might congregate.

Example locations: All agitation/pump out locations of above and below ground storages. Any areas where visitors or children might tend to congregate such as at the end of the access road near the manure storage.



IMPORTANT! Safety signs are designed to serve as a reminder of a hazard and consequences; the signs do not replace or substitute for original product warnings or labels, equipment safety literature, or specific safety training associated with manure systems and handling equipment. Owner/operators shall consult their site specific engineering designs, safety plans, and operation/maintenance plans for additional safety requirements. If no information is found, or more is needed, additional information can also be received from equipment manufacturers and distributors, county extension offices, private consultants, and NRCS offices.

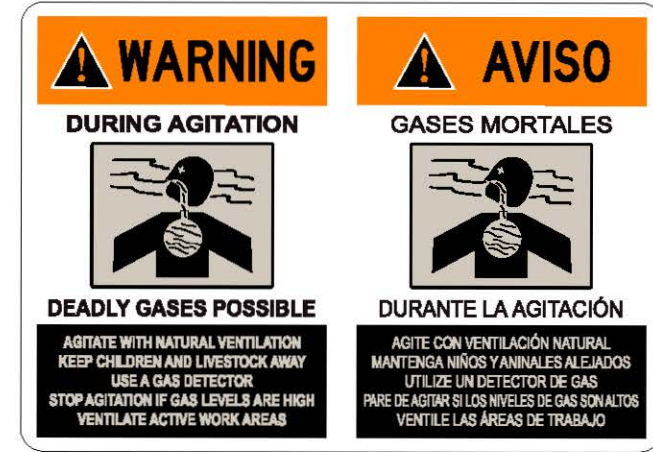
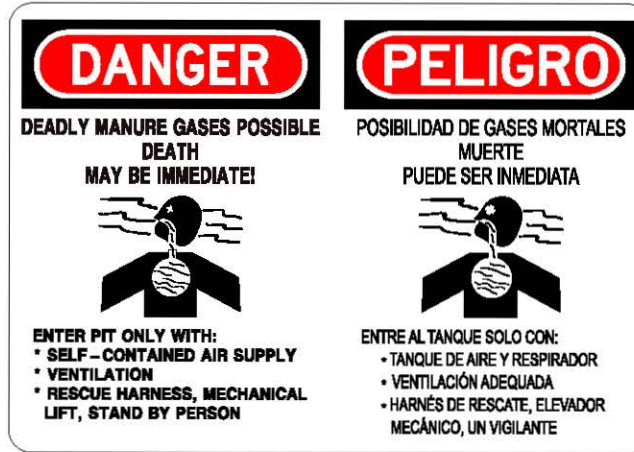
Sources:

- U.S. Municipal Supply, Inc. 1-800-222-1980
- Local Conservation District
- Local Extension Service
- Self-Made Equal
- Local Sign Making Company

Supplement to Fact Sheet 4- Provide this for situations where the producer or contractor does not want to purchase signs from US Municipal and wishes to use an alternate source or make their own signs. Signs should have similar wording and be made of materials that will last the life of practice. March 2014



Example: Side by Side



Typical individual signs



These layouts were developed by: US Municipal, 1-800-222-1980. They represent input from USDA-NRCS for the actual wording. Alternate sign suppliers should use the same wording.