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The objective of this Safe Working Procedure (SWP) for sampling fallen stock at Dundas Chemical Company is to ensure safe handling, regulatory compliance, and sample integrity. It minimizes risks to personnel while promoting an efficient and controlled process

### Required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

					
Long Sleeve / Waterproof Trousers	Waterproof / Steel Toe Capped Footwear	Rubber / Surgical Gloves	Gas Monitor	PVC Apron	Protective Eyewear / Face Mask

### Specific PPE Details

Gas monitors will not be required where stationary / fixed gas monitors are in operation and working correctly, monitors must be regularly inspected and maintained in accordance with manufacturers specifications

### Preparation

- All operatives involved in the sampling of Fallen Stock have received appropriate job specific training in the safe sampling of deceased animals and the associated equipment required to undertake this task.
- Operatives will check they have all appropriate equipment available prior to carrying out the task and that the equipment has been inspected and is fit for purpose.
- Ensuring they are wearing the required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as detailed above.

### Operational Procedure

- On arrival the animal is delivered to the sampling station.
- Dundas staff check the animal ear tag and confirms the animal and the documentation are a match, which allows sampling to take place.
- In the event of the eartag number and the Movement Card number not matching, the number from the leg tie will be checked to confirm the details. If this method is used the Sampling Staff will identify this clearly on the Sample Sheet and initial to confirm the action.
- Dundas operative makes an incision to the back of the animal neck which exposes the brain stem and an appropriate sample is retrieved and placed in a sample jar which is labelled with appropriate details.
- The details of the sample jar and the documentation are confirmed and approved and they are placed together in a despatch box for collection by a courier who transports them to VLA in Newcastle.
- Dundas Operative takes the required “V” shaped ear sample using the approved method and including the Ear Tag. Each sample is individually bagged in a clear plastic bag c/w Ear Tag and all bags from the same day are then bagged together in another clean bag which is labelled and dated and then stored for the recommended period of seven days in a fridge or freezer after which it is disposed of. These samples must be available to Animal Health Staff who will be collecting random samples during their routine visits.
- All untagged animals must be sampled unless there is evidence to suggest that the animal is clearly less than 48 months of age.