

# **African Swine Fever**

**Prevention & Control** 

**Emergency Disease Control Biosecurity Programme** 



African Swine Fever (ASF) can be considered one of the most feared epidemic diseases of pig production, the others being Swine Vesicular Disease (SVD), Porcine epidemic diarrhoea virus (PEDv) and Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD).

ASF is extremely dangerous due to its highly contagious characteristics, ability to be easily spread via a variety of vectors, high morbidity and mortality rates, and extreme resilience to withstand high and low temperatures. Add to this the fact that there is currently no effective treatment or vaccine available, and it is easy to understand why pig producers fear this disease.

# Stopping the spread of ASF infection.

So how can the spread of this highly contagious and devastating pig disease be prevented and controlled?

Biosecurity is the only real way of stopping its spread. It will reduce the impact on affected farms and will be a key to clinical recovery and virus elimination, especially on larger farms. Producers need to achieve the highest possible levels of biosecurity, leveraged by good buy-in and compliance from management, their staff and their suppliers.

ASF is very good at 'Hitching a ride' so it spreads easily. A high proportion of spread will be by pig transportation, and so is the first target of biosecurity. However, there are many other means of spread. All other transport is a risk, from feed to dead-haul, to service vehicles, to manure removal. Perhaps the next biggest risk is from transmission via contact with wild boar. People can also be vectors, via their clothes, on their boots and equipment, or any inanimate objects they may bring onto the unit.



The virus may persist in uncooked meat products and swill for several months, and therefore could be transmitted via contaminated pig feed, or meat products ingested. Aerial spread has been demonstrated, but only over short distances and is unlikely to be a major factor.



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# Advanced biosecurity is the answer.

For biosecurity to be effective against ASF there must be good planning, good procedures, good training and good tools.

#### Planning

Thoroughly review your biosecurity plans at all levels using a risk based approach involving your veterinarian, management team and farm staff.

Starting with transport, scheduling is vital; breeding herds should preferably have dedicated transport being at the top of the biosecurity pyramid. If possible, have different transport for infected and free farms.

Personnel movement is another target area, with staff sharing avoided and movement only down the pyramid. Advisers, management and field staff are all increased risks as they move more between units.

Delivery and entry of equipment needs planning, as do removal of dead pigs, manure and any other waste.

Control of wild boar/pigs, rodents and other animals should be reviewed. Ensure a secured perimeter barrier/ fence is in place to stop large animals such as wild boar/ pigs, deer, foxes etc. from entering the site.



Finally, in planning, there is another good rule that should be adhered to at all times; never share anything between positive or negative units, be it via transport, personnel or equipment.



#### **Procedures**

One of the most important aspects of biosecurity is the understanding and use of lines of separation between clean and dirty areas. This has to happen throughout the production system, for example, between the loading chute and pig transporter, between the dirty and clean sides in a Danish entry system (see page 5), or between the ground and the cab of a feed delivery vehicle. All the relevant lines of separation have to be identified and correct procedures for achieving separation established and used.

There are many other procedures that need complying with. These include such things as correct use of shower facilities, correct procedures for leaving and re-entering the farm, disinfection of equipment arriving at the farm, disinfection after risk vehicles have been near the farm, and contractor and staff behaviour during manure hauling.

In an infected farm, where bio-containment is being practised, examples of procedures are: control of staff movement around the farm, cleaning and disinfection of walkways after pig movement, correct local manure removal and flushing, and high level terminal cleaning and disinfection between batches.

#### Training

Buy-in and training is an integral part of any biosecurity programme. This must include management, farm staff, drivers, service personnel and visitors. They need to understand why biosecurity against ASF is important, that it is still important, and how easily the virus spreads so they can understand what they need to do.



Biosecurity coordinators must make it a prime task to train, review and retrain as needed. One challenge is high staff turnover and the need to keep up to date. Compliance is everything, and failure to comply will lead to a biosecurity breach sooner or later.

#### The Tools

#### Without the right tools, biosecurity will fail.

With vehicles being the number one vector through which ASF is spread, providing well equipped vehicle cleaning and disinfection areas is essential. Good vehicle washes must allow manure removal, provide good cleaning and subsequent disinfection, and vitally prevent cross contamination. The provision of drying and heating for trucks after cleaning and disinfection is an advantage, but does not replace it.



Other examples of good biosecurity tools are disinfectant arc sprays made available on approach to farms, external washes to disinfect where trucks have been, remote dead pig collection, and good entry facilities such as showers or a Danish entry system.

Some of the most important tools for effective biosecurity are the suitable LANXESS heavy duty cleaners and Virkon® disinfectants for use in the advanced biosecurity cleaning and disinfection programme.

Washing with water alone reduces contamination by up-to 60%, but using a heavy-duty detergent decreases the original organic burden by 99%. Therefore, thorough washing of all surfaces and equipment with a suitable LANXESS heavy duty cleaner is essential to achieve the best results from any subsequent disinfection procedure.

The choice of disinfectant is vital. It needs to be active against ASF but also have a broad spectrum of activity against other pig pathogens because we still need to control them. Virkon<sup>®</sup>S has an independently tested broad spectrum of activity.

Virkon<sup>®</sup> S has been proven effective against ASF at a dilution rate of 1:800 in the presence of a 1% organic serum load and at a temperature of 4°C reflecting its proven performance and suitability for real world 'on farm' conditions (test results available).

Unlike some other disinfectant chemistries, such as Glutaraldehyde and GLUT/QAC mixes, Virkon® S maintains efficacy against the ASF virus in cold farm conditions. In addition, adding liquid Propylene Glycol to Virkon® S solutions may reduce its freezing point to -10°C, without affecting efficacy, providing farmers with the reassurance that the disinfectant solution they're using will remain in solution during freezing winter conditions.

The outstanding scientifically formulated properties of Virkon<sup>®</sup> S make it the disinfectant of choice in an ASF advanced biosecurity programme at all levels from the farrowing house, transport and through to the slaughter plant.

The Danish Entry System is a good example of an easy to use biosecurity tool that can greatly help reduce the spread of disease-causing organisms such as African Swine Fever (ASF) from being introduced to, or spreading from, a pig shed/barn.

# The key to the Danish Entry System:

- a biosecure entrance to the pig shed/barn
- the entrance area of the shed/barn has separate clean and dirty areas divided by a physical barrier, usually a small dwarf wall
- upon entry to the building you will be in the "dirty" area where you will be required to:
- disinfect footwear using a disinfection boot dip
- remove outer clothing and footwear

- wash and disinfect hands
- move to the clean area, on the other side of the barrier, where clean protective clothing, such as boots and coveralls, are provided (boots should be put on before coveralls)
- Disinfect boots using the disinfectant boot dip provided, and then enter the production area
- The protocol is completed in reverse when exiting the building.



# Practical 'how to' biosecurity guide

In the face of challenging farm conditions, such as heavy organic challenge, short contact time, possible dilution by rain water, low temperatures and the broad range of disease-causing organisms that can exist on farms, Virkon<sup>®</sup> S is recommended for use at a dilution of 1:100 for Emergency Disease Control (EDC), preventative and continuous biosecurity measures to provide high levels of efficacy.



# How to make a ready-to-use Virkon® S disinfectant solution



# How to make a ready-to-use LANXESS heavy duty cleaner solution

#### Preparing and handling the solution



# How to clean and disinfect pig transport vehicles

# **Dry Cleaning**





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# Disinfection



# Cab disinfection and final steps

#### STEP 1

Remove mats and brush debris & organic matter into a refuse sack for disposal



#### **STEP** 5



#### STEP 2



#### STEP 6

Disinfect coveralls and boots



#### STEP 3

Using a clean cloth soaked in disinfectant solution, disinfect cab floor, mats and floor pedals



#### STEP 4



#### **PRODUCT DILUTION RATE**

Biosecurity Task	LANXESS Product	Dilution Rate
Detergent Wash	A suitable LANXESS heavy duty cleaner	1:100 (10ml to 1 litre of water)
Surface & Equipment Disinfection	Virkon® S	1:200 (5 grams of Virkon® S to every 1 litre of water)



# How to make a Virkon® S disinfectant boot dip

#### Preparing the solution



#### How to use a Virkon<sup>®</sup> S disinfectant boot dip

#### **STEP 1**



#### STEP 2



# STEP 3

Step into Virkon® S disinfectant solution covering the foot of the boot

#### **STEP** 4



# How to clean and disinfect farm building internal and external surfaces

#### Dry & wet clean procedure

#### **STEP 1**



#### STEP 2



#### STEP 3



# STEP 4



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#### **Disinfection procedure**

#### **STEP 1**

#### **STEP 2**



Fog or wet mist the building

with disinfectant





#### **General Perimeter & Personnel Biosecurity**

#### STEP 1







#### STEP 3



# STEP 4









wild bird and rodent proof

#### STEP 7





# Virkon® S Application & Use Guidance

#### **Surface and Equipment Disinfection**

Surface Disinfection	Dilution Rate	Application
Routine disinfection for all surfaces, earth, wood, and concrete	1:100 (10 grams of Virkon® S to every 1 litre of water)	Using a pressure washer or other mechanical sprayer, apply Virkon® S solution at an application rate of 300ml/m².

#### **Surface Application Usage Chart**

To estimate the total surface area to be disinfected, including walls and ceilings, multiply the total floor area by 2.5.\*

		Dilution Rate		
Surface V Area to be W Disinfected Re	Volume of	1:100 (1%)	1:200 (0.5%)	
	Required	Quantity of Virkon® S to be added		
50m <sup>2</sup>	15 litres	150g	75g	
100m <sup>2</sup>	30 litres	300g	150g	
500m <sup>2</sup>	150 litres	1.5 kg	750g	
1000m <sup>2</sup>	300 litres	Зkg	1.5 kg	
2500m <sup>2</sup>	750 litres	7.5 kg	3.75 kg	

1. Decide on the volume of disinfectant solution required at the appropriate dilution rate.

- 2. Measure out the appropriate quantity of Virkon® S powder to achieve the desired dilution rate.
- 3. Add the Virkon® S powder to the water and stir thoroughly to dissolve.
- 4. Using a pressure washer or other mechanical sprayer, apply Virkon® S solution at an application rate of 300ml/m<sup>2</sup>.
- 5. All surfaces should be cleaned and allowed to dry prior to disinfection.

\*This calculation is a guide based upon typical UK conversion rates, and reflects usage in buildings with semi porous surfaces. Please check your country-/regional-specific requirements.

#### **Equipment Disinfection**

Equipment Disinfection	Dilution Rate	Application
Routine cleaning and disinfection of movable equipment	1:100 (10 grams of Virkon® S to every 1 litre of water)	Using a brush or pressure washer, wash all equipment in Virkon® S solution until visibly clean.

#### Water System Disinfectant

Terminal and continuous disinfection — all water systems can potentially contain some viral and bacterial contamination, especially header tanks where dust and debris can accumulate. Disinfection will clean the system and eliminate viruses, bacteria, and fungal growth.

Water System Disinfection	Dilution Rate	Application
Terminal disinfection	1:200 to 1:100	Isolate header tank at the mains and drain off to drinker points farthest from tank. Clean out any gross soiling and debris. Refill with water and add the appropriate volume of Virkon® S powder, thoroughly stir and leave for 10 minutes. Flush system through to all drain-off points and leave for a further 50 minutes before draining system and refilling with clean water. At the terminal disinfection stage, biofilm build-up within drinking water lines is a known issue of concern, we recommend a longer contact time to address this challenge. Follow the instructions as above, but increase the soak time to a minimum of 4 hours.
Continuous disinfection	1:1000	Dose header tank as required, or apply through suitable water system dosing equipment.

#### Virkon® S Water Disinfection Usage Table

	Dilution Rate			
	Routine Terminal 1:200	High Disease Risk Terminal 1:100	Continuous Water Disinfection 1:1000	
to be Disinfected	Quantity of Virkon®S to be added			
100 litres	500g	1 kg	100g	
250 litres	1.25 kg	2.5 kg	250g	
500 litres	2.5 kg	5 kg	500g	
1000 litres	5 kg	10 kg	1 kg	



#### **Aerial Disinfection**

#### Misting/Aerial Spraying, Cold and Thermal Fogging

To assist the control of organisms that may be introduced into a building during the set up procedure, and to disinfect inaccessible areas of the building and the air, use either a fine mist sprayer or thermal fogging machine to apply Virkon<sup>®</sup> S disinfectant solution evenly. Aerial disinfection may also help control any contamination introduced to the building surfaces by airborne particulate matter present within the environment.

Equipment Disinfection	Dilution Rate	Application
Misting / Aerial Spray	1:200	Using either a pressure washer or knapsack sprayer on its finest mist setting, apply 20ml of Virkon® S solution per m <sup>3</sup> of air space.*
Cold Fogging	1:100	Use a mechanical mister to apply the Virkon® S solution at a rate of 40ml per m³ of air space.
Thermal Fogging	1:25 (4%) solution of Virkon® S in an 90:10 water: Virkon® S Fog Enhancer mixture	Using a suitable thermal fogging machine, apply the prepared solution at 10ml per m <sup>3</sup> of air space.

\* Equivalent to approximately 1 litre of Virkon<sup>®</sup> S solution per 20m<sup>2</sup> of floor space. The calculations in this table are a guide based upon typical UK conversion rates, and reflects usage in buildings with semi-porous surfaces. Please check your country/regional specific requirements.

#### Aerial Disinfection in the Presence of Livestock

- Virkon<sup>®</sup> S can be misted in the presence of pigs at a dilution rate of 1:200 (0.5%)
- A cold fogger or mister should be used\*.
- Always read the Virkon<sup>®</sup> S label to ensure regulatory compliance.







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#### LASTING DENSITY DAM

# Applications

DeterUltra<sup>®</sup> can be used to clean a wide range of equipment and hard surfaces including metal, wood, plastic, concrete, feeders, drinkers, etc.

# Composition

A synergistic blend of highly alkaline anionic and non-ionic surfactants in an aqueous solution incorporating sodium hydroxide, complexing agents and solvents to produce a superior foaming adherence and optimum detergency performance.





CELLENT FOAM ADHERENCE on surfaces

# Applications

DeterBio<sup>®</sup> can be used to clean equipment and hard surfaces including metal, wood, plastic, concrete, feeders, drinkers etc.

# Composition

A synergistic blend of anionic and non-ionic surfactants in an aqueous solution incorporating sodium hydroxide, solvent and sequestrant sq. excipients.





HIGH FOAMING FORMULATION



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AND WATER

on cleaning operations

**General Properties** 

cleaning concentrate which offers:

Good materials compatibility

Free from colourants and fragrances



surfaces to optimise

disinfection



HIGHLY EFFICIENT hard water performance

# **General Properties**

DeterKlyn<sup>®</sup> is an alkaline cleaning concentrate which offers:

- An effective cleaning action
- A lasting foam on surfaces and equipment
- Suitable for use in hard water conditions
- Good materials compatibility
- Free from colourants and fragrances

SUPERIOR DETERGENCY ACTION SUPERIOR DETERGENCY ACTION SAVES TIME AND WATER on cleaning operations SUPERIOR SUPERIOR DEEP CLEANS Surfaces to optimise disinfection HIGHLY EFFICIENT hard water performance

# **General Properties**

DeterUltra<sup>®</sup> is a powerful stabilised high-foaming alkaline cleaning concentrate which offers:

- Premium cleaning and degreasing properties
- Enhanced high-density long lasting foam
- Free from colourants and fragrances
- Good materials compatibility
- Suitable for use in hard water conditions



The powerful formulation of DeterBio® is an alkaline

Powerful cleaning and degreasing properties

Excellent foam adherence to surfaces and equipment

Approval for use in organic farming environments

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DeterKlyn<sup>®</sup> can be used as a general multipurpose detergent to clean farm equipment and hard surfaces including metal, wood, plastic, concrete.

# Composition

**Applications** 

A formulated blend of anionic and non-ionic surfactants in an aqueous solution incorporating complexing solvent agents.



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Virkon<sup>®</sup> S is a scientific breakthrough with performance characteristics that have defined biosecurity standards. Not surprisingly, Virkon<sup>®</sup> S is the choice of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and governments worldwide to secure biosecurity and strengthen emergency disease control (EDC) contingency planning. The Australian and New Zealand governments' AUSVETPLAN is probably the best regarded EDC reference source. Virkon<sup>®</sup> S continues to be the only branded disinfectant referred to in the 2008 AUSVETPLAN, stating that "Virkon<sup>®</sup> S is a modern disinfectant with outstanding virucidal properties."

#### It is proven:

- To kill over 500 strains of viruses, bacteria, and fungi
- Active against pathogens responsible for Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS), Porcine Circovirus type2 (PCV2), Porcine Epidemic Diarrhoea virus (PEDv), African Swine Fever (ASF) plus Salmonella, Campylobacter and E. coli
- To be powerful, fast acting, flexible, multipurpose biosecurity disinfectant



#### The gold standard boot dip disinfectant for rapid speed of kill.

Independent field trials have demonstrated the impracticality of many types of disinfectants for boot dips due to slow kill rates. Researchers at Indiana's Purdue University in the US compared the performance of disinfectants from six leading classes,<sup>1</sup> and only the QAC disinfectant provided adequate boot dip disinfection but required an impractical five-minute soak after boot cleaning. However, when Virkon® S was evaluated under similar circumstances, effective disinfection was achieved after boot cleaning in just 30 seconds.<sup>2</sup> The study confirmed that Virkon<sup>®</sup> S achieves excellent speed of kill at low temperatures and in the presence of organic challenge.



#### Aerial misting in the presence of animals.

Spraying a fine disinfectant mist in swine housing can help reduce cross infection and prevent secondary infection during outbreaks of respiratory and other diseases. Virkon<sup>®</sup> S can be misted in the presence of pigs at a dilution rate of 1:200 (0.5%). It is always important to read the Virkon® S label in order to ensure regulatory compliance.





Virkon® S offers farmers a convenient, multipurpose biosecurity system all in one pack for a wide range of applications:

- Surfaces
- Equipment
- Vehicles
- Aerial Disinfection
- Water Delivery Systems





# Proven Broad Spectrum Efficacy.

#### Virucidal Activity Data

Pig Disease / Related Condition	Virus Family	Dilution Rate	Contact time (mins)
African Swine Fever (ASF) Strain Ba71V	Asfarviridae	1:100 1:200 1:500 1:800 1:1000	15 seconds 30 seconds 5 10 60
African Swine Fever Netherlands '86 isolate	Asfarviridae	1:250	30
African Swine Fever LIL20/1 isolate	Asfarviridae	1:800	30
Aujeszky's disease (AD)	Herpesviridae	1:100	1
Classical Swine Fever (CSF)/Hog Cholera	Flaviviridae	1:150	30
Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) (DEFRA approval) Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)	Picornaviridae	1:1300 1:200	30 1
Porcine epidemic diarrhoea (PED) Porcine epidemic diarrhoea (PED)	Coronaviridae	1:600 1:200	10 1
Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS)	Arterivirus	1:600 1:200	10 1
Porcine Rotavirus	Reoviridae	1:600	10
Post Weaning Multisystemic Wasting Syndrome (PMWS) Porcine Dermatitis and Necropathy Syndrome (PDNS) Porcine Circovirus type 2 (PCV2)	Circoviridae	1:200	10
Seneca Valley virus (SVv)	Picornaviridae	1:105	10
Swine Influenza (SI) H1N1	Orthomyxoviridae	1:200	1
Swine Vesicular Disease (SVD) (DEFRA approval)	Picornaviridae	1:100	30
Transmissible Gastroenteritis (TGE)	Coronaviridae	1:100	10
Vesicular Stomatitis (VS)	Rhabdoviridae	1:200	10

#### **Fungicidal Activity Data**

Pig Disease / Related Condition	Pathogen	Dilution Rate	Contact time (mins)
Aspergillosis	Aspergillus niger	1:25	30
Dermatophytosis	Trichophyton mentagrophytes	1:50	10
Dermatophytosis	Trichophyton interdigitale	1:67	30
Gastro-oesophageal ulcers	Candida albicans	1:100	10

#### **Bactericidal Activity Data**

Pig Disease / Related Condition	Pathogen	<b>Dilution Rate</b>	Contact time (mins)
Abortions	Brucella abortus	1:100	10
Abortion, foetal loss, endometritis, mastitis	Klebsiella pneumoniae	1:100	10
Abortion septicaemia, encephalitis, food poisoning — humans	Listeria monocytogenes	1:100	10
Atrophic Rhinitis	Bordetella bronchiseptica	1:100	10
Botryomycosis	Staphylococcus aureus	1:100	0.5
Dermatitis	Dermatophilus congolensis	1:100	10
Diarrhoea, oedema	Escherichia coli	1:200	5
Enterocolitis, septicaemia, food poisoning — humans	Salmonella typhimurium DT104	1:200	30
Enzootic pneumoniae	Mycoplasma hyopneumoniae	1:200	1
Food poisoning — humans	Bacillus cereus	1:100	10
Food poisoning — humans	Campylobacter coli Campylobacter jejuni Campylobacter jejuni Campylobacter pyloridis	1:100 1:100 1:200 1:100	5 5 30 10
Food poisoning — humans	Escherichia coli O157:H7	1:100	5
Food poisoning — humans	Salmonella choleraesuis Salmonella enteritidis PT4 Salmonella enteritidis Salmonella hadar Salmonella infantis Salmonella thomasville Salmonella virchow	1:100 1:100 1:200 1:200 1:200 1:200 1:200	10 5 30 30 30 30 30
Greasy pig disease	Staphylococcus hyicus Staphylococcus hyicus	1:100 1:200	10 30
Human infections	Staphylococcus aureus (pig MRSA)	1:100	30
Necrotizing enterocolitis	Clostridium perfringens	1:100	10
Pneumonia, Atrophic Rhinitis	Pasteurella multocida	1:100	10
Polyserositis	Mycoplasma hyorhinis	1:800	5
Porcine Pleuropneumonia	Actinobacillus pleuropneumoniae (Haemophilus pleuropneumoniae)	1:200	5
Respiratory infection	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	1:200	5
Secondary infections, co-infections with PCV2	Proteus mirabilis	1:100	5
Swine erysipelas	Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae	1:100	10
Septicaemia, meningitis, arthritis, bronchopneumonia	Streptococcus suis	1:400	30
Septicaemia, respiratory disease	Haemophilus somnus	1:100	10
Swine dysentery	Brachyspira hyodysenteriae	1:3333	10
Swine proliferative enteritis	Lawsonia intracellularis	1:100	30
Swine enteritis related infections	Pasteurella haemolytica	1:100	10
Various infections — humans	E.coli ESBL strain	1:100	10
Various infections — humans	Klebsiella pneumoniae ESBL strain	1:100	10

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Powerful Broad Spectrum Virucidal Disinfectant

# 10 reasons to put Virkon<sup>®</sup> S at the heart of pig farm biosecurity.

1. Virkon<sup>®</sup> S redefined farm biosecurity and leads the way forward in emergency disease control measures

- 2. Approved by governments worldwide to combat major diseases, such as African Swine Fever, FMD, PRRS virus, PED and more
- 3. The only branded disinfectant referred to in the 2008 AUSVETPLAN, Australia and New Zealand's emergency disease control plan
- 4. The gold standard boot dip disinfectant that kills pathogens 10 times faster than the nearest competitor, even at low temperatures and in the presence of organic challenge<sup>1</sup>
- 5. Independently proven in field trials to be highly effective against the most serious threat to livestock: viruses
- 6. No need to rotate; proven to reduce the potential infectivity of resistant *Salmonella* superstrains
- 7. Superior operator safety profile; can be misted in the presence of animals
- Formulated to include ingredients that have been carefully selected for their ability to degrade naturally within the environment
- 9. Easy to store and to transport by rail, sea, and air, with no additional spend requirements for storage or transport
- 10. Biosecurity in a single pack for surfaces, equipment, vehicles, aerial disinfection, and water delivery systems

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