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**Centerville CARES Pledges \$1,000 To Help Maple Leaf Dairy, Inc.
In Finding Culprit of Alleged Vandalism**

(Cleveland, WI) - Members of Centerville CARES today expressed grave concern about the alleged acts of vandalism at Maple Leaf Dairy, a concentrated animal feeding operation in the Town of Centerville, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. Maple Leaf Dairy confines about 4,000 dairy cattle and stores approximately 21 million gallons of liquid manure near Lake Michigan.

Public records have linked Maple Leaf Dairy to alleged manure spills not only from agricultural fields where it applies liquid manure, but also directly from the facility, located on I-43 near the Village of Cleveland. Maple Leaf Dairy does not appear to allege that those manure spills were caused by vandalism.

However, Maple Leaf Dairy claims an October 12, 2005 manure spill on its property was caused by a vandal. If so, Centerville CARES has serious concerns about the security of not just Maple Leaf Dairy, but also the Town of Centerville.

“This situation is worse than we had initially thought,” said Russ Tooley, president of Centerville CARES. “Not only has Maple Leaf Dairy allegedly caused or contributed to a serious fishkill in Fischer Creek this past fall, now Maple Leaf Dairy is having serious problems keeping its facility secure, either from within the facility or from without.”

“Given the 21 million gallons of liquid manure stored at Maple Leaf Dairy, any acts of vandalism seriously threaten the health of our surrounding community. We want to put our differences aside and support Maple Leaf Dairy in its attempts to identify the culprit of these dangerous acts,” Tooley continued.

To aid Maple Leaf Dairy in finding the perpetrator of the alleged vandalism, Centerville CARES is pledging an additional \$1,000 to the \$15,000 reward already proposed by Maple Leaf Dairy for anyone who provides information leading to the arrest and conviction of those individual(s) involved in the manure pumping on Maple Leaf Dairy property. The total reward now stands at \$16,000.

“We are a not for profit organization, and we are pledging what we can afford to help Maple Leaf Dairy with this. No one in the Town of Centerville is safe until we find out who is responsible for these acts. Property destruction will not be condoned in our community,” said Tooley.

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