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Wet Weather Conditions

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management's (IDEM's) Confined Feeding Operations (CFO) Program recognizes the widespread precipitation across the Midwest that may leave many of the State's regulated farms with limited options for storage and land application of manure.

In an effort to assist farms in minimizing the potential for release of manure from farms and land application activities, IDEM recommends farms with a critical shortage of storage capacity in their manure storage facilities contact their IDEM inspector to discuss options for compliant storage and land application of manure. Farms should first identify if there is available alternative manure storage capacity in approved manure storage facilities in their area or if the manure can be marketed to other parties. If manure is being managed in alternative manure storage facilities or otherwise marketed, farms should record those activities in their CFO operating record.

If alternative manure storage in approved manure storage facilities or marketing options are not available or feasible, the farm must notify IDEM staff of the need for emergency measures. Emergency measures might include transfer to alternate temporary manure storage facilities, constructing berms or secondary containment around manure storage facilities, or construction of an emergency manure storage facility. For an emergency manure storage facility defined at 327 IAC 19-2-28 that is a pond, lagoon, or manure containment area, IDEM recommends it be constructed in an area where soil permeability does not exceed 1 inch/hour according to the County Soil Survey Maps available through the USDA Web Soil Survey website for the county where the facility is located (<https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm>). Alternatively, it may be constructed with a synthetic or compacted clay liner. All emergency manure storage facilities must be located where they meet the regulatory setbacks outlined in 327 IAC 19-12-3.

Emergency measures must be implemented only after consultation with IDEM staff, and they must remain in place for no more than 90 days after the emergency is abated.

The following information must be provided to the IDEM staff member/inspector that receives the notification of the need for emergency measures, or the notification will not be considered to be complete:

- The CFO owner's name. (Person or entity to whom IDEM issued the CFO Approval)
- The CFO operation name.
- The CFO Farm ID number.
- The reason for the emergency measure.
- A brief description of the emergency measure being implemented.
- The estimated number of gallons of manure being managed through the use of the emergency measure.

The owner must document the emergency as well as actions taken to abate it, and they must keep that information in the CFO's operating record. IDEM will follow-up in writing acknowledging the request to implement emergency measures.

To discuss alternative manure storage or marketing options or notify IDEM of the need for emergency measures, please contact an IDEM staff member in one of the following areas:

- CFO Compliance staff member assigned the region of the state within which the operation is located
www.idem.IN.gov/cfo/files/contact_compliance_staff_map.pdf
- CFO Permit Staff member assigned
https://www.in.gov/idem/cfo/files/contact_permits_staff_map.pdf; or
- Outside of regular business hours, IDEM's 24-Hour Emergency Spill Line, toll free at (888) 233-7745 or (317) 233-7745