



# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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## Emergency Storm Provision for Overstocking of Confined Feeding Operations

The Indiana Department of the Environmental Management's (IDEM's) Confined Feeding Operations (CFO) Program recognizes the emergency brought on by the recent storms across Indiana that have impacted livestock and poultry operations within the State. Since there is a need to provide protective shelter to animals in buildings that have been damaged by the storms the state proposes to use regulatory flexibility. In order to allow operations to adjust to this emergency the CFO Program agrees to allow CFOs to confine more animals than specified in their Confined Feeding Operation approval as long as the facility has adequate storage capacity in their manure management system to contain all manure generated at their facility. CFOs needing to use this allowance must notify IDEM of the number of animals already approved to be confined at the facility and the number of additional animals expected to be confined at the facility during the emergency period. The notification can be provided to IDEM by either the CFO Owner or Operator or a representative of a poultry or livestock association of which they are a member. Notifications should be sent by e-mail to: [CFOcompliance@idem.in.gov](mailto:CFOcompliance@idem.in.gov) CFO owners and operators must continue to comply with all other regulatory requirements and CFO Approval conditions, including those of the Board of Animal Health. CFOs must be able to account for all manure generated at the facility. Also, the number of animals on site must be noted in the operating record as part of their weekly inspections. Once IDEM's CFO Program receives notification, the CFO Compliance Inspectors may contact farms to check on manure management standards and update the status of the facility. IDEM inspectors are available to discuss operational issues and plans for the land application of manure. This is expected to be a temporary adjustment. However, if an emergency remains in effect beyond 90 days from the date of the original notification, it is the CFO's responsibility to notify IDEM of the need to maintain the increased number of animals and provide measures the facility intends to implement to maintain adequate manure storage on site.

For additional assistance or questions the facility may contact:

- CFO Compliance staff member assigned the region of the state within which the operation is located: [https://www.in.gov/idem/cfo/files/contact\\_compliance\\_staff\\_map.pdf](https://www.in.gov/idem/cfo/files/contact_compliance_staff_map.pdf) ([in.gov](http://in.gov)) or,
- CFO Permits staff member assigned to the facility [https://www.in.gov/idem/cfo/files/contact\\_permits\\_staff\\_map.pdf](https://www.in.gov/idem/cfo/files/contact_permits_staff_map.pdf) ([in.gov](http://in.gov)) ; or
- Outside of regular business hours, IDEM's 24-Hour Emergency Spill Line, toll free at (888) 233- 7745 or 317-233-7745.

Sincerely,

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