



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

CAFO/CFO Compliance Assistance

Description of Assistance Activities Conducted by the Ag-SW Section

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Description:

- Indiana Department of Environmental Management's (IDEM) goal is that every regulated entity understands and complies with their environmental responsibilities.
- IDEM's strategy for achieving that goal is by providing assistance first.
- The Office of Land Quality (OLQ) Agricultural-Solid Waste (Ag-SW) Section conducts four (4) types of compliance assistance inspections:
 1. **Inspection of a new facility during the first six (6) months after being populated:**
Conducting compliance assistance at new facilities within the first six (6) months of operation provides an opportunity to address compliance issues before they become on-going problems. Inspectors observe the operation of the farm and review specific permit conditions with the operator. Follow up visits are conducted as needed depending on the issues identified.
 2. **A confined animal feeding operation (CAFO) that has never been inspected:**
Some CAFO's may have never been inspected under the current regulations. Ag-SW inspectors have been working through the list of CAFOs never inspected and conducting a compliance assistance inspection. These compliance assistance inspections will cease when all existing CAFO's have had at least one (1) inspection.
 3. **Inspection due to a change of regulatory status:**
Farms may change regulatory status during their lifetime, moving from confined feeding operation (CFO) to CAFO. Because there are different requirements under these programs, a compliance assistance inspection will be conducted to familiarize the operator with the requirements under the new program.
 4. **Transfer of ownership:**
When a farm changes ownership the new owner may not be familiar with the regulatory requirements of operating a CFO or CAFO. A compliance assistance inspection will be offered to the new owner as part of the notice that the transfer of ownership is effective. A compliance assistance inspection will not be scheduled unless requested by the new owner/operator.
- Compliance assistance inspections will be documented on the approved inspection report form and placed in the Virtual File Cabinet (VFC) as a public record.
- Compliance issues identified during compliance assistance inspections will be addressed informally unless there is a discharge to waters of the state or unpermitted structures.
- Compliance issues identified during a compliance assistance inspection must be corrected. Compliance staff will work with the farm to correct issues in a reasonable timeframe. Failure to correct issues in a timely manner may result in a referral to OLQ's Enforcement Section.

Environmental Impacts:

- Indiana's environmental statutes and regulations are designed to protect our air, land and water quality. By consistently complying with these statutes and regulations, regulated entities can limit potential impacts on Indiana's environment.

IDEM's Role:

- IDEM is responsible for protecting human health and the environment while providing for safe industrial, agricultural, commercial and governmental operations vital to a prosperous economy.
- IDEM regulates and monitors entities throughout the State of Indiana that have the potential to impact the environment.

- IDEM has developed regulations that protect air, land and water. IDEM's Office of Pollution Prevention and Technical Assistance is an additional source of compliance assistance.

Regulated Entity's Role:

- Regulated entities are responsible for understanding and complying with Indiana's statutes and regulations at all times.

More Information:

- For questions and concerns, please call IDEM's Office of Land Quality, Ag-SW Section at (317) 234-6965 or (800) 451-6027 and request extension 46965.