

EPA CAFO Inspections What to Expect When the EPA Visits Your Business

Inspection Procedures and Common Violations



Goals for Inspection

- Environmental Protection
- Correction of Violations Return to Compliance
- Deterrence
- Fairness level playing field
- Compliance Assistance



CAFO Compliance Evaluation Inspection Opening Conference

The inspector should.....

- Call the State Veterinarian to inquire about disease outbreaks
- Present credentials & explain authority to inspect the facility
- Ask about bio-security protocols
- Ask for a facility diagram or layout
- Ask how many employees work at the facility & hours of operation
- Ask how many animals are on site
- Ask for an explanation of facility processes
- Ask how & where manure wastes are generated and stored
- Ask for manure application and inventory records



Permit vs. No Permit

- Permitted Facility
 - Inspect the facility for compliance w/ permit
 - Zero discharge for large CAFO
 - Must maintain facility per permit to receive the 25 year 24 hour storm water exemption
 - Must follow NMP for waste application
- Un-Permitted Facility
 - Inspect the facility for compliance w/ CWA
 - Zero discharge for large CAFO
 - No 25 year 24 hour storm water exemption



Common Violations –

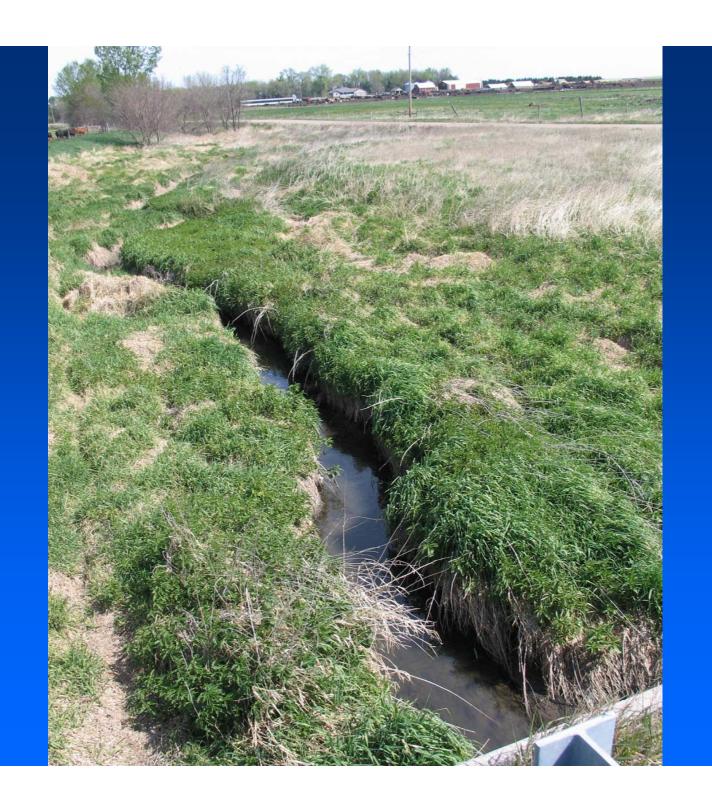
- What we find...
 - Discharges from the feed storage areas
 - Man Made Conveyances (pipes, ditches)
 - Holding ponds full of solids & not pumped
 - NMPs not being followed (no sampling)
 - Winter feeding areas w/out vegetative cover
- What we want...
 - All process waste water controlled and managed per the permit (if applicable)
 - Maintain the facility to prevent discharges







































Close-Out Conference

- Review areas of concern from visual inspection and record review
- Ask for additional information regarding potential areas of concern
- Explain potential follow up
- Give facility representatives an opportunity to comment, clarify issues, ask questions, or provide additional facts
- Samples may be taken to document process waste water/manure solids discharges
- A Notice of Potential Violation (NOPV) may be issued at the end of inspection



Inspection Report

- Inspector will write the inspection report and transmit it to the Water Program usually within 30 – 60 days
- The Water Program will assign the inspection report to a Compliance Officer for review and the Compliance Officer will determine next steps and respond to the facility

Questions???

