



Precipitation Challenges with Animal Agriculture Facilities in Indiana

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Elements of Indiana's CFO Program to Meet Precipitation Challenges

- Indiana Ag Stormwater Exemption Statute
- Frozen or Snow-covered Ground Emergency Application Regulatory Allowance
- Wet Weather Conditions Guidance



Frozen or Snow Covered Ground

- Frozen and snow covered ground is ground that manure cannot be injected into. The soil or manure cannot be incorporated into the soil on the same day.
- CFOs may land on frozen or snow-covered ground if an emergency exists.
 - Emergencies are:
 - Natural disaster;
 - Extreme weather conditions;
 - Equipment failure; or
 - Structural failure.

Frozen or Snow Covered Ground (cont'd)

- Operator must notify IDEM CFO program prior to application.
- Operator must provide the following information:
 - CFO's owner's Name
 - Facility name
 - Facility identification number
 - Reason for the Emergency application
 - Estimated number of gallons of manure to be applied
 - The location of the application field
 - Land application requirements

Frozen or Snow Covered Ground (cont'd)

- No application on slope greater than 2% unless 40% crop residue.
- No application in flood plain.
- Setback 200 feet from surface water.
- Apply manure 50% of agronomic rate.
- Manure at unregulated farms or marketed and distributed manures (M&D).
- Regulated under the State Chemist rules.

Frozen and Snow Covered Ground (cont'd)

- Allows application on frozen or snow covered ground.
- If M&D from regulated CFO, manure must be applied by certified applicator.
- Do not apply within 200 feet of surface water.
- 50% of agronomic rate.
- Application on slope not greater than 2% unless there is 40% crop residue or a vegetative cover crop.

Wet Weather Conditions

- Purpose - to provide options during adverse weather conditions that limit storage or application of manure.
- Contact IDEM CFO Compliance inspector.
- Discuss options for alternative storage capacity.
- Storage capacity at other locations.
- Potential M&D locations.
- Emergency storage options: lagoon or manure containment.

Wet Weather Conditions Cont'd

- Facility must provide:
 - Owner/operator name;
 - Facility name;
 - Facility Identification number;
 - Emergency measure to be taken;
 - Description of emergency measure; and
 - Provide an estimate volume manure to be managed.

- Most common request is to construct a berm or emergency lagoon.

Wet Weather Conditions (cont'd)

- Lagoons must be constructed in an area that has soils that do not exceed permeability of 1 in./hour.
 - County Survey Maps available through USDA's Soil Survey website: websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm
- Alternative synthetic or compacted clay liner may be used.
- Must meet all regulatory setbacks.
- May not remain in use longer than 90 days after the emergency.
- Must meet closure standards for lagoon closures in regulations.



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