

CLEAN WATER ACT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Water Resources Stewardship Awards for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations

INSTRUCTIONS, QUESTIONNAIRE FORMAT AND FORMS

**APPLICANTS MUST CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE STATE
AWARDS COORDINATOR FOR SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATES
BEFORE COMPLETING THE FORMS**

BURDEN STATEMENT

This program is recognize Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) that demonstrate outstanding technological achievements, innovative processes, devices or other outstanding methods in their waste treatment and pollution abatement programs. Recognition is made through EPA/State National Clean Water Act recognition awards program. The program aims to heighten public awareness of the contributions CAFOs make to clean water, and encourages public support for effective management. The design, operating and environmental compliance information of the Concentrated Animal Feeding Facility is needed to complete the questionnaire. Participation in the awards recognition program is voluntary. No confidential information is involved for this collection activity.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Water Act (CWA) Recognition Awards is authorized by Section 501(e) of the CWA. A framework to implement the awards program is found in the Code of Federal Regulations 40 (CFR) part 105.

The Water Resources Stewardship Awards for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) awards category encourages public support for effective management of waste water purposes at CAFOs. The awards aim to heighten overall public awareness of the contributions wastewater treatment facilities, projects and programs make to clean water. Recognition is made to CAFOs for outstanding and innovative technological achievements, methods or devices in their waste treatment and pollution abatement efforts. The CAFO category also recognizes four types of operations: Swine, Dairy, Beef and Poultry.

Parties interested in applying for an award are required to contact the appropriate State Awards Coordinators (see page 5; Section III) for individual submission deadlines for the CAFO awards categories to be assured consideration for an award. States will solicit nominees for participation in the awards process, and make recommendations to Region 5 by the established deadline date.

Stated below are criteria and eligibility requirements for the CAFO Awards program, as well as Instructions, Questionnaire Format and Forms used for the nomination and/or application process. The Applicant Compliance Certification Form should be completed.

II. AWARDS ELIGIBILITY

1. The production area must be located in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, or Wisconsin.
2. There must have been no production area discharges without a permit in the two years prior to the date of the application and no proposals to discharge from the production area without a permit except in the event of a 25-year, 24-hour storm.
3. There must have been no production area discharges in violation of permit effluent limitations in the two years prior to the date of the application.
4. There must have been no discharges from land application of manure, litter, or process wastewater unrelated to precipitation in the two years prior to the date of the application.
5. Practices for land application of manure, litter, and process wastewater must meet pre-2003 technical standards for nutrient management.

6. There must have been no dredging or filling waters of the United States without a permit or in violation of permit terms and conditions in the two years prior to the date of the application.
7. There must have been no violation of state water-related laws, rules, permits, orders, or approvals in the two years prior to the date of the application.
8. Prior to submitting formal nominations to Region, State must screen potential Applicant/Nominee in accordance with the EPA's policy on Compliance Screenings for EPA Partnership Programs located at www.epa.gov/partners2/resource/ppsguide.pdf. Screenings should also include
 - the use of Quarterly Noncompliance Reports (QNCRs),
 - the Permit Compliance System (PCS) data,
 - the Office of Compliance's Online Tracking Information System (OTIS) for applying to the Agency's Integrated Data for Enforcement Analysis (IDEA) system,
 - and other sources including institutional knowledge.
 To be considered for an award, applicant or nominee must be in compliance with all applicable water quality requirements and otherwise have a satisfactory record with respect to environmental quality.

C. Previous national Clean Water Act Award winner? _____ If yes, what year? _____,

D. Application Contact Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____ Fax No. _____

E. EPA Regional Awards Manager certifying compliance record

(Please attach copy of NPDES permit or land application authorization, as appropriate.)

Signature Date

Phone No. _____ Fax No. _____

II. POLITICAL NOTIFICATION

A. U.S. Senators and Representatives names and addresses:

B. State Governor's name and address:

III. STATE CONTACTS

Illinois Environmental protection Agency
Dick Breckenridge: **217-558-6818**

Indiana Department of Environmental management
Not identified yet.

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Ronda Wuycheck: **517 241-7832**

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Bob Finley: **320-214-3794**

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Cathy Alexander: **614 644-2021**

Wisconsin Department of Natural resources
Gordon Stevenson: **608-267-2759**

IV. REVIEW/SELECTION SCHEDULE

The following is a schedule of activities for planning and implementing the Water Resources Stewardship Awards for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations Recognition Awards Program:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Completion Framework</u>
Awards Guidance Issued	September 2006
States solicit participation in the awards process.	October 2006
States accept nomination packages for consideration.	January 19 2007
Nominations and applications received in Regional Office.	February 24 2006
Notifications made.	March 30 2007

SECTION A-1 INSTRUCTIONS

TO BE COMPLETED BY CAFO AWARD APPLICANTS ONLY

State and EPA will consider demonstrated evidence of and achievements resulting from outstanding, unique and innovative waste water management at Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations for consideration of an award. Consideration is also made for continuing high levels of compliance; cost saving techniques; environmental benefits; and, the level of difficulty to operating and maintaining the CAFO.

I. Contact Information. Provide the name, mailing address, permit number and location of the CAFO. Provide the name, telephone and facsimile numbers, and electronic mail address for a contact person..

- A. Eligibility. Affirm that the CAFO meets the applicable eligibility criteria provided in section II., above.
- B. Diagram of the production area. Prepare a diagram of the production area or areas. Show all animal confinement areas; raw material storage areas; manure, litter, and process wastewater containment and storage areas; egg washing or processing facilities; and chemical storage areas. Also show all vehicle maintenance and storage areas and shipping and receiving areas. Include calculations and other information showing the design basis for manure and process wastewater containment and storage including volume, number of days of storage, and seepage rate (or construction materials).
- C. Narrative. Prepare a narrative that addresses each of the following topics in a concise manner. For each topic, identify and explain the design elements and/or management systems and practices that result in the CAFO achieving an outstanding degree of stewardship.
 - a. Water conservation within the production area
 - b. Clean-water diversion
 - c. Mortality management
 - d. Soil conservation within crop/forage land (including estimates of annual soil loss)
 - e. Analysis of manure, litter, and process wastewater for nitrogen and phosphorus and analysis of soil for phosphorus
 - f. Monitoring of ground water, precipitation runoff, and surface water
 - g. Land application timing (including whether manure, litter, or process wastewater are applied when rain is forecast, during winter, and on saturated soil), methods, and rates (including agronomic nitrogen- and phosphorus-based rates)
 - h. Manure, litter, and process wastewater distribution to other persons (including verification of careful handling and utilization by such persons)
 - i. Manure, litter, and process wastewater utilization by means other than land application (e.g., energy production, use in gardens)
 - j. Crop/forage land drainage water management

- k. Detection and management of manure or process wastewater discharges from subsurface drains
- l. Recordkeeping
- m. Management of stream channels and riparian zones within or adjacent to land where manure, litter, or process wastewater are applied or to which livestock have access.
- n. Chemical storage, handling, and disposal
- o. Motor vehicle fluid management
- p. Kitchen and bathroom wastewater treatment and disposal