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EPA promulgated regulations for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) in February 12, 2003 that expanded the number of operations covered by the CAFO regulations and included requirements to address the land application of manure from CAFOs. The rule became effective on April 14, 2003. NPDES-authorized states were required to modify their programs by February 2005 and develop state technical standards for nutrient management. On February 28, 2005, in response to litigation brought by various organizations, the Second Circuit court issued its decision in *Waterkeeper Alliance et al. v. EPA*, 399 F.3d 486 (2d Cir. 2005). EPA has updated the CAFO rule to reflect the changes requested by the Court. Visit www.epa.gov/npdes/caforule to view the 2008 CAFO Final Rule and supporting documents.



APPENDIX B - SAMPLE OWNER/OPERATOR INSPECTION CHECKLIST FOR A LARGE CAFO¹

PRODUCTION AREA

Conduct visual inspections of:

- Water lines, including drinking water or cooling water lines (daily).
- All storm water diversion devices (weekly).
- Runoff diversion devices (weekly).
- Devices that channel contaminated storm water to the wastewater and manure storage and containment structure (weekly).
- Manure, litter, and process wastewater impoundments (weekly).
- The level of the liquid in an open surface liquid impoundment as indicated by a depth marker (weekly).

LAND APPLICATION AREA

Conduct periodic inspections of:

- The equipment used to land-apply manure, litter, or process wastewater.

¹This checklist applies to a large CAFO with a capacity equal to or greater than 700 mature dairy cows whether milked or dry; 1,000 cattle (other than mature dairy cows and veal calves); 2,500 swine each weighing 55 pounds or more; 10,000 swine each weighing less than 55 pounds; 30,000 laying hens or broilers if the facility uses a liquid manure handling system; 82,000 laying hens if the facility uses other than a liquid manure handling system; 125,000 chickens other than laying hens if the facility uses other than a liquid manure handling system; 55,000 turkeys; or 1,000 veal calves.