



Animal Feeding Operations and General Permit
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State General Permit Renewal

Animal Feeding Operations

- Three General Permits
 - Swine
 - Cattle/Dairy
 - Poultry with Liquid Waste Management System
- New/Expanding Swine Operations are NOT eligible
- 5-year permit cycle
 - Current permit expires Sept 30, 2019

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Timeline – Permit Development



- May 3, 2018 – Settlement Agreement
- Stakeholder Process:
 - Nov 13, 2018 – Posted draft permit
 - Nov 27, 2018 – Stakeholder meetings – technical workgroups and public meeting
 - Utilized professional 3rd party facilitator
 - Dec 21, 2018 – deadline for written comments
- Public Comment Period – Jan 30 – March 4, 2019
 - Feb 19, 2019 – Kenansville Hearing
 - Feb 26, 2019 – Statesville Hearing
- April 12, 2019 – Permits finalized/signed

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Key Changes

- Statutory/Regulatory References added to every permit condition
- I.4 – Amendments to be submitted to DWR - transparency
- I.9 – PLAT required if soil test P-index of 400 or higher
- II.20 – Reduce Drift Potential – may require alternate application equipment or new BMPs
- II.24 – Rainbreakers required
- II.28 – Haybale removal within 24 months
- III.2.b – Waste level markers survey/certify every 5 years
- III.12 – Groundwater Monitoring for lagoons in 100-year floodplain
- III.15 – Records Retention – 5 years
- III.18 – New Annual Report