IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Decision Tree to Ensure Adequate Water

for New and Expanding Animal Feeding Operations

What is the water source for the proposed facility?

Rural Water → Contact the rural water system to determine if the system can provide water and if construction of new water pipe is needed to serve the facility.

Wells → Will the facility have 25 or more people present on 60 days or more per year, (including truckers, feed deliverers—anyone who could access water)?

Yes → The facility may be a public water supply. Contact the DNR Water Supply Section at 515-725-0295. www.iowadnr.gov/drinkingwatercompliance

No → Obtain a private well construction permit from the county (where the facility is located) prior to constructing the well. www.iowadnr.gov/wellconstructionpermits

→ Will the facility use 25,000 or more gallons of water on any single day?

Yes → Obtain a water use permit from the Iowa DNR. Contact the DNR Water Use Program at 515-725-0336 or www.iowadnr.gov/wateruse

No → There are no further requirements.

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