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

Wells

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.

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

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

Yes

No

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

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

Yes

No

There are no further requirements.

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