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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 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 www.IowaDNR.gov/WaterUse.
    - **No** → There are no further requirements.

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