



For unpermitted and permitted confinement feeding operations  
**Professional Engineer<sup>1</sup> (PE) Design Certification**

This form is to be used in lieu of a Construction Design Statement (CDS) for confinement feeding operations with an Animal Unit Capacity (AUC)<sup>2</sup> of more than 500 Animal Units (AU), not required to have a PE, that are constructing a formed manure storage structure<sup>3</sup> with a site-specific design sealed by a PE. For more information contact the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) (see page 4 for contact information).

Name of operation: \_\_\_\_\_ Facility ID No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
(¼ ¼) (¼) (Section) (Tier & Range) (Name of Township) (County)

Provide latitude and longitude coordinates of the facility driveway at the right of way (ROW) line. Go to the DNR Siting Atlas and left click (to place a teardrop) at that location. The latitude and longitude coordinates appear in the info box. Print off this page, with the info box open (as shown on sample map on Page 4) and submit with PE CDS.

Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude (negative value) - \_\_\_\_\_

Description of the proposed formed manure storage structure<sup>3</sup>. Include dimensions (length, width, or diameter, depth). Indicate if it is aboveground or belowground; covered or uncovered, made of concrete or steel, address location of pit fans, if applicable, and address water line entry into buildings. If necessary attached more pages:

**Utilizing Rural Water System and Domestic Sewage**

- ☐ The proposed facility will utilize rural water and the providing rural water system has been notified and is aware of the proposed increase in water use.
- ☐ I understand and have designed or informed the owner that no domestic wastewater (toilets, showers, or sinks) or laundry facilities can be discharged to the manure storage structure.

**Aerial photos:** Aerial photos must be submitted that clearly show the location of all existing and proposed confinement feeding operation structures and show at least a one-mile radius around the structures. The photos must either show roads on the north and south or east and west sides of a section (so that a mile distance is apparent), or include a distance scale.

The photo(s) must show that the proposed structures comply with all statutory minimum required separation distances to the objects listed below:

- Residences (not owned by the permit applicant), churches, businesses, schools, public use areas
- Water wells (depends on type)
- Major water sources, wellhead or cistern of an agricultural drainage well or known sinkholes
- Water sources (other than major water sources) or surface intakes of an agricultural drainage well
- Designated wetlands
- Road right-of-way

The separation distance to each of the above objects must be noted with a straight line between the proposed structure(s) and the object. If any of the above objects is not located within one mile of the proposed structures, note the fact on the photo(s) or use additional pages. (Example: "No agricultural drainage wells within one mile.")

All separation distances that are not clearly in excess of the required minimum separation distance must be measured according to 567 IAC 65.106(9) using standard survey methods. Go to the [DNR AFO Fact Sheet](#) page and select "Construction" then select the "Separation Distance Tables" to find the required separation distances. An [example aerial photo](#) can be found on pages 18

<sup>1</sup> PE includes a professional engineer licensed in the state of Iowa or an NRCS Engineer.

<sup>2</sup> To determine the Animal Unit Capacity (AUC) see the "Manure Storage Indemnity Fee" (DNR Form 542-4021) or the "Construction Permit Application" (DNR Form 542-1428) or contact the DNR (see page 4 for contact information).

<sup>3</sup> Formed manure storage structure = covered or uncovered concrete or steel tank, and concrete pit below the building.

to 19 of the AFO Construction Permit Application (DNR Form 542-1428), or also under the “Construction” section under “Example Aerial Photo and Map Showing Separation Distances” with the previously listed link..

**Note:** If a master matrix is required, the aerial photos must also show that the additional separation distances required for any points claimed in matrix criteria one through ten will be met for the objects listed above. Note the additional separation distance by drawing a straight line between the proposed structures and the matrix item.

**Design Certification:** Pursuant to 567 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) 65.108(10)“a” and “b”, I prepared an engineering report, plans and specifications for the operation referenced above. Design considerations were in conformance with the following design methods:

American Concrete Institute (ACI):	Portland Cement Association (PCA):	MidWest Plan Service (MWPS):
<input type="checkbox"/> ACI 318	<input type="checkbox"/> EB 075	<input type="checkbox"/> MWPS 36
<input type="checkbox"/> ACI 360	<input type="checkbox"/> EB 001	<input type="checkbox"/> MWPS TR9
<input type="checkbox"/> ACI 350		

☐ In addition, all formed manure storage structures made of concrete and used to store liquid manure, dry manure, or dry bedded manure shall meet all the requirements of 567 IAC 65.108(10)“b”.

If you have any questions regarding the concrete standards requirements and this PE Design Certification, contact the AFO engineer at 712-262-4177, the nearest DNR Field Office, or visit [www.iowaDNR.gov/afo](http://www.iowaDNR.gov/afo).

**Karst Determination:** Go to DNR AFO Siting Atlas at <http://programs.iowadnr.gov/maps/afo/>. Search for your site by either scrolling into your location or entering an address or legal description in the bottom search bar. Left click on the location of your proposed structure. Make sure the sinkhole or potential karst layer box is checked on the map layers. If you cannot access the map or if you have questions about this issue, contact the AFO Engineer at 712-262-4177. Check one of the following:

- ☐ The site is not in potential karst. Print and enclose the map with the name and location of the site clearly marked.
- ☐ The Siting Atlas has indicated that the site is in potential karst. The karst requirements of 567 IAC 65.7 and 65.108(10) are used: 567 IAC 65.7. Karst terrain. If the site of the proposed formed manure storage structure is located in an area that exhibits potential karst terrain or an area that drains into a known sinkhole, the minimum concrete standards set forth in subrule 65.108(10) shall apply or Iowa Code section 459.307 if the structure is not constructed of concrete. No intact or weathered bedrock including sandstone, shale, limestone, dolomite, or soluble rock, shall be removed or excavated during the construction of a storage structure. In addition, the following requirements apply to all formed manure storage structures except as provided for in subrule 65.7(5) related to the construction of dry bedded confinement feeding operation structure:
- ☐ 1. A minimum 5-foot vertical separation distance between the bottom of a formed manure storage structure and limestone, dolomite, or other soluble rock is required if the formed manure storage structure is not designed by a PE or Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) qualified staff person. (The 5-foot separation must be a continuous profile of low permeability soil directly beneath the bottom of the formed manure storage structure.)
- ☐ 2. If the vertical separation distance between the bottom of the proposed formed manure storage structure and limestone, dolomite, or other soluble rock is less than 5 feet, the structure shall be designed and sealed by a PE or NRCS qualified staff person who certifies the structural integrity of the structure and a 2-foot-thick layer of compacted clay liner material shall be constructed underneath the floor of the formed manure storage structure.
- ☐ 3. In addition, in an area that exhibits potential karst terrain or an area that drains into a known sinkhole, a PE, a NRCS qualified staff person or a qualified organization shall submit a soil report based on the results from soil corings, test pits, or acceptable well log data, describing the subsurface materials and the vertical separation distance between the bottom of the formed structure and limestone, dolomite or other soluble rock. A minimum of two soil corings equally spaced within each formed structure, or two test pits located within 5 feet outside of each structure are required if acceptable well log data is not available. The soil corings shall be taken to a minimum depth of 7 feet below the bottom of the proposed structure or into bedrock whichever is shallower. Any limestone, dolomite, or soluble bedrock in the corings or test pits shall be considered the bedrock surface rather than auger refusal. After soil exploration is completed, each soil coring and pit shall be properly plugged with concrete grout, bentonite or similar materials.
- ☐ 4. Groundwater monitoring shall be performed as specified by the DNR.
- ☐ 5. Backfilling shall not start until the floor slats have been placed or permanent bracing has been installed and grouted and shall be performed with material free of vegetation, large rocks, or debris.

**One Hundred Year Floodplain:** Go to the AFO Siting Atlas as described above. Make sure the one hundred year floodplain box is checked on the map layers. If you cannot access the map, or if you have questions about this issue, contact the AFO Engineer at 712-262-4177. Check one of the following:

- ☐ The site is not in the one hundred year floodplain of a major water source. Print and enclose the map with the name and location of the site clearly marked. You may not be in the floodplain per DNR, however you may be in a County Flood Hazard Area and need a county permit.
- ☐ **Include** a copy of the Floodplain Permit if a floodplain permit is required. Elevations are in NAVD 88 datum for sites with alluvial soils or floodplain requirements. Assistance with floodplain permitting can be done through the Iowa DNR PERMT tool <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/permt/>.

**Groundwater separation requirements:** (check one of the following boxes):

- ☐ A drain tile will be installed along the footings to artificially lower the groundwater table, pursuant to 65.108(6)"b"(2).
- ☐ The drain tiles will have a device to allow shut off and monitoring, if the drain tiles do not have a surface outlet accessible in the property, as required in 65.108(6)"b"(2).
- ☐ In lieu of the drain tile, a certification signed by a PE<sup>1</sup>, a groundwater professional certified pursuant to 567 IAC Chapter 134, or a qualified staff from NRCS is being submitted indicating that the groundwater elevation, measured according to 567 IAC 65.108(6)"c", is below the bottom of the formed structure.

**Drainage Tile Certification:**

- ☐ Required only if applying for a construction permit and constructing three or more confinement feeding operations structures<sup>4</sup>. This must be signed by the person responsible for excavating the confinement feeding operation structure:

567 IAC 65.108(1) - Drainage tile removal for new construction of a manure storage structure. Prior to constructing a manure storage structure, other than storage of manure in an exclusively dry form, the site for the animal feeding operation structure shall be investigated for drainage tile lines as provided in this subrule. All applicable records of known drainage tiles shall be examined for the existence of drainage tile lines.

- c. The applicant for a construction permit for a formed manure storage structure shall investigate for tile lines during excavation for the structure. Drainage tile lines discovered upgrade from the structure shall be rerouted around the formed manure storage structure to continue the flow of drainage. All other drainage tile lines discovered shall be rerouted, capped, plugged with concrete, Portland cement concrete grout or similar materials or reconnected to upgrade tile lines. Drainage tile lines installed at the time of construction to lower a groundwater table may remain where located even if located under the floor, however, the tile lines must be tied into the perimeter drain tile.

"I certify that I have read and understand the requirements of 567 IAC 65.108(1)"c" and that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the proposed confinement feeding operation structures at:

Name of operation: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name: \_\_\_\_\_

will not impede the drainage of established drainage tile lines which cross their property lines and if construction disturbs drainage tile lines, I will take the necessary measures to reestablish drainage and, upon completion of construction, file a statement that those measures were taken to reestablish drainage."

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name of Excavating Representative)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Representative's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Excavating Company)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone No.)

<sup>4</sup> Confinement feeding operation structure = animal feeding operation structure (confinement building, manure storage structure or egg washwater storage structure) that is part of a confinement feeding operation. Manure storage structures include formed and unformed manure storage structures.

**Engineer's Certification:** I hereby certify that I have prepared a site-specific design for the formed manure storage structure<sup>3(s)</sup> referenced above that complies with the minimum concrete standards of 567 IAC 65.108(10). A copy of the site-specific engineering report, plans and specifications are attached. *(Include PE engineering seal, stamp, signature in contrasting color ink and date.)*

Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Contractor's Certification** If the PE will not be present on site observing critical points of construction; I hereby certify that I will construct the formed manure storage structure(s) referenced above according to the engineering design.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Print Contractor's Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Contractor's Signature)

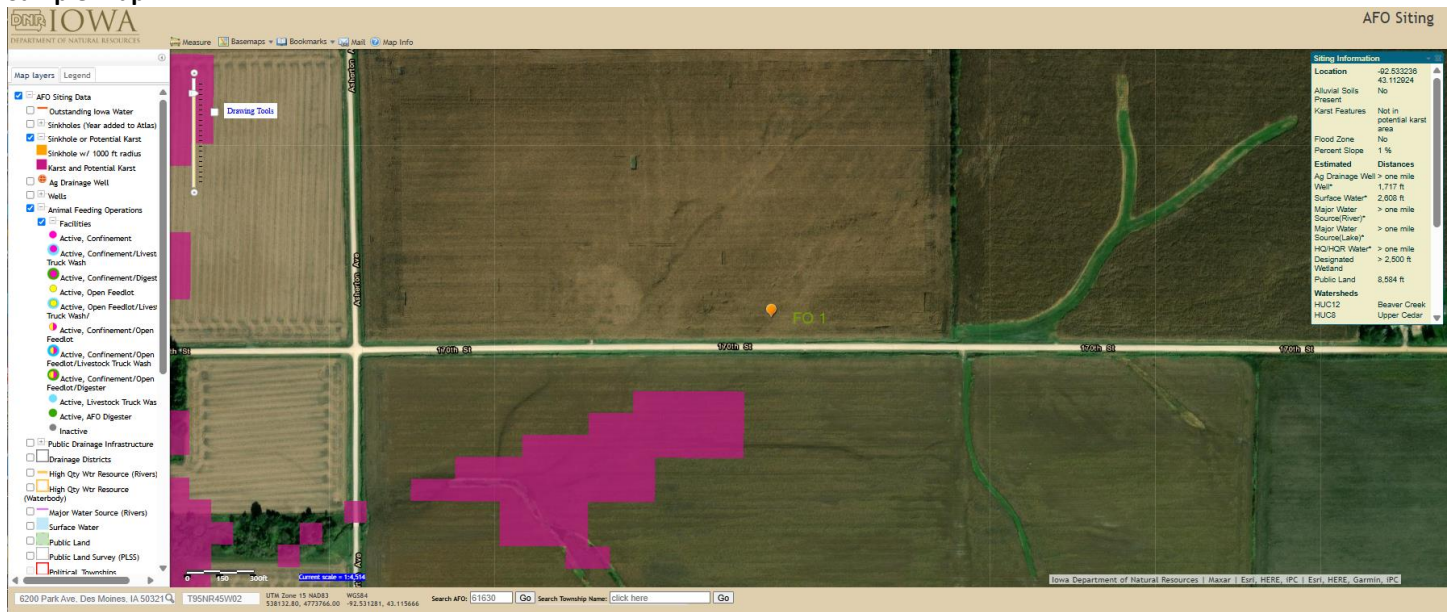
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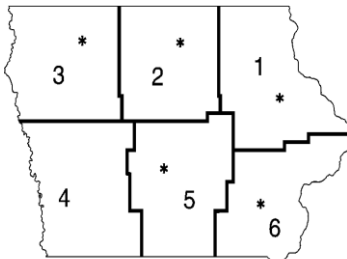
### Sample Map



### Mailing Instructions:

Mail this "PE Design Certification" according to the following:

- Operations with an AUC between 501 and 999 AU and constructing a formed manure storage structure, required to submit a manure management plan (MMP), prior to beginning construction must file this "PE Design Certification," the karst and one hundred year floodplain documentation requested in pages 2 and 3, the MMP and fees to the nearest DNR Field Office:



Field Office 1  
 1101 Commercial Ct Ste 10  
 Manchester, IA 52057  
 (563) 927-2640

Field Office 2  
 2300 15<sup>th</sup> St SW  
 Mason City, IA 50401  
 (641) 424-4073

Field Office 3  
 1900 N Grand Ave Ste E17  
 Spencer, IA 51301  
 (712) 262-4177

Field Office 4  
 1401 Sunnyside Ln  
 Atlantic, IA 50022  
 (712) 243-1934

Field Office 5  
 6200 Park Ave Ste 200  
 Des Moines IA 50321  
 (515) 725-0268

Field Office 6  
 1023 W Madison  
 Washington, IA 52353  
 (319) 653-2135

- If a construction permit is required (AUC = 1,000 AU or more and constructing a formed manure storage structure), mail this form as required in the construction permit application form (DNR Form 542-1428).