



WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN DNR INSPECTS

WHAT CAN PRODUCERS EXPECT as the Iowa DNR reviews about **8,600** large and medium-sized livestock facilities in the next five years?

- 1 Not all operations will have an on-site inspection. Larger facilities, ones near a water of the U.S. (stream, lake, etc.) and ones with past runoff events are most likely to be inspected.
- 2 If your operation is inspected, DNR staff will call you before they come. Expect one to three days notice.
- 3 DNR staff will follow your bio-security protocols. If you don't have any, the DNR staff will follow DNR standard protocols.
- 4 DNR inspectors will let you know which records they will want to review: the complete, up-to-date nutrient or manure management plan; inventory records; and application records for the last five years.
- 5 Inspectors will look at your operation for signs of runoff. They will want to walk around your buildings to see if there are past signs of runoff. They will be looking at berms, freeboard and potential for erosion. They will also look for:
 - Number of pens, manure control and storage structures
 - Application equipment
 - Areas downhill of operation, looking for signs of runoff to the ground, wells, sinkholes or waters of the United States
 - Manure handling and control, including settleable solids removal, pen scraping, stockpiles and dewatering schedule
 - Chemical storage areas (this applies only to facilities with NPDES permits)
 - Feed storage and mortality handling areas
- 6 All inspectors will use a standard procedure during the inspection. It's designed to keep the inspections consistent, regardless of who is inspecting.
- 7 All inspectors will use standard forms to aid in uniformity.
- 8 If you've had an enforcement action due to runoff in the last five years, DNR staff will review their findings and discuss any needed improvements.
- 9 Before they leave, DNR inspectors will let you know what they found and what needs improvement.
- 10 You will find DNR environmental specialists, who conduct the inspections, to be courteous, fair professionals who share your concern for a healthy environment.



The inspections are part of a work plan agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. It's designed to strengthen how Iowa implements the federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program.

You can find the work plan agreement, the procedures and the work plan obligations at www.iowadnr.gov/afo and search **EPADNRWorkplanMaterials**.

During the 2013 Iowa General Assembly session, **\$700,000** was appropriated to hire seven additional field staff for animal feeding operation reviews.

The hiring process on those positions has been completed. By April 1, 2014, DNR staff will have taken part in approximately 800 hours of training to ensure fair, complete and consistent inspections.

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