

Changes Coming Soon to Indiana's Confined Feeding Regulations

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With the passage of House bill 1915, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management has identified several new requirements for livestock producers applying for Confined Feeding Approvals. Holders of existing Confined Feeding Approvals are also subject to new requirements under the new law. These requirements became effective on July 1, 1997.

- All applicants must have a manure management plan that includes soil testing procedures, manure testing procedures and maps of application areas.
- An updated manure management plan must be sent to IDEM at least once every five years to maintain a valid confined feeding approval.
- Confined feeding operations approved prior to July 1, 1997 shall submit a manure management plan to IDEM before July 1, 2000.
- IDEM must make a determination on an application within 90 days after receipt of a complete application.
- IDEM will establish a compliance and technical assistance program for confined feeding owners and operators in conjunction with university and industry specialists.
- IDEM shall update the AW-1 guidance document for confined feeding operators before January 1, 1998.
- Operations approved after July 1, 1997 will require the applicant to send IDEM an affidavit that the operation was constructed and will be operated in accordance with the requirements of the agency's approval. This affidavit is due 30 days after construction is completed.
- All applicants must submit an application fee of \$100.

IDEM is coordinating with the Cooperative Extension Service at Purdue University, NRCS and commodity groups to provide education and assistance to livestock producers.