

Environmental Agriculture Program

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Important Dates

CAFO Annual Invoices due

Annual invoices were mailed on July 1, 2014. Please pay the invoice for your facility by no later than July 31, 2014.

Inspection Responses

Inspection Responses are due no later than 120 days after receipt of final inspection report.

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Welcome!

Welcome to the Environmental Agriculture Program's quarterly newsletter. We hope you are enjoying the beautiful Colorado summer! We offer news, updates, insights and trainings through this newsletter. Our hope is to foster understanding and cooperation between the Ag Program and the community we serve.

News and Events

Annual Invoicing Complete

The Ag Program has completed the invoicing for the new fiscal year which began July 1, 2014. If you feel there are errors on your invoice, please call the Ag Program at 303-692-3520 and we will be glad to assist you in answering any questions or concerns you may have.

If you have not received your invoice for the new billing period, the Ag Program may have an incorrect address or contact information for your facility. Please call the Ag Program at 303-692-3520 and we will be glad to assist you in getting your invoice and facility information up to date. Payment of your annual invoice is due by no later than July 31, 2014.

HCSFO Regulation Revision

During a recent Colorado Attorney General review of the Colorado Housed Commercial Swine Feeding Operation (HCSFO) regulations it was discovered that a part of the current version of the regulation is not as stringent as the federal regulations, as required by law. Specifically, the current HCSFO provisions in Regulation 61, 5 CCR 1002-61, do not include the requirement for terms of the nutrient management plans (aka swine waste management plans or SWMPs) to be incorporated into the terms of the permit.

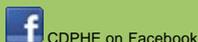
Although this requirement is implied in the current regulation and is explicitly stated in the permit under Part 1, Section B, the State must undergo a rulemaking to update Regulation No. 61 to include this provision. The rulemaking will be a written-comment only rulemaking, and is currently scheduled for December 8, 2014.

If you would like to learn more about the proposed revision please send an email to Chad DeVolin at: chad.devolin@state.co.us by no later than August 13, 2014.

Please note - this change does not increase or change in any way the current requirements for your business.

Even though these are very minor changes, it is the Ag Program's goal to make these changes as quickly and painlessly as possible.

On the Web:
www.colorado.gov/cdphe/cafos



Regulatory Guidance

Rain! Rain! Rain!

Much of Colorado has had quite the June and July when it comes to rain. The above average rainfall is a very welcome surprise as many pastures and grasslands have never looked so lush across much of Colorado.

A downside of the rainfall is having to manage the wastewater levels in your operation's impoundments. One key element of managing impoundments is maintaining the wastewater level below the impoundment's pump-down level. Maintaining the required volume of storage will ensure you are able to capture all of the wastewater runoff during a storm event.

If your facility is having trouble with impoundment levels following these recent rainfalls, please contact the Ag Program so we can discuss available options and solutions.

For additional information take a look at the guidance on impoundment management located on our website at www.colorado.gov/cdphe/cafos or by clicking on the link below:

[Impoundment Management Guidance](#)

Air Study Has Begun

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) is participating in an air monitoring study called the Front Range Air Pollution and Photochemistry Experiment (FRAPPE). The study will take place from July 16th to August 16th of this year.

FRAPPE, one of a series of studies to occur this summer, will include collecting air monitoring data to examine the effects of local and transported sources of pollution and how they interact to affect air quality in Colorado. The study will look at multiple sources of air emissions including: motor vehicles, power plants, oil and gas operations, wildfires and agriculture. The study will utilize large, low flying aircraft to collect air samples. In addition to low flying aircraft, there will also be mobile labs collecting information at ground level.

[FRAPPE Study Website](#)

Check out the Planes!

FRAPPE is hosting an open house at the Research Aviation Facility at the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport in Broomfield on Saturday August 2, 2014. The event is free and allows the public to get on board and explore the research aircraft being used in the FRAPPE study, talk with project scientists and learn about the instruments being used in the study. For more information about the open house please click the link below:

[FRAPPE Open House](#)

Questions? Concerns?

Do you have an idea for an newsletter article? Do you have questions or concerns regarding regulatory compliance, inspections, and enforcement? Please feel free to contact us at the email or phone numbers listed above and we will be glad to assist you.