

Digester proposals

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\$35,000, have been made available by the U.S. Department of Energy. The primary objective of the studies is to determine if it is practical for several adjacent farms to ban together and pool manure in a cooperative anaerobic

digester system to generate power for sale-back to a utility. Existing digester systems in the state are all found on large farms. The energy co-op proposal is designed for several smaller farmers whose individual herds would not justify a separate system.

While the Governor's Energy Council is primarily interested in the digesters from an energy-generating standpoint, such energy co-ops have a relationship to growing efforts to prevent agricultural nutrient pollution of wells and water in area streams that flows into the Chesapeake Bay.

One of the manure handling alternatives to complete field

spreading that is being discussed is the marketing of the byproduct from a methane digester system. It has been mentioned that funds becoming available from the Environmental Protection Agency

might help subsidize manure byproduct marketing efforts to make them economically feasible in areas of high livestock concentrations.

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In addition to conditions imposed by the general quarantine all flocks and premises located within the Commonwealth known to be infected with Avian Influenza shall be placed under special quarantine. After a special quarantine is established it shall be unlawful for any owner or person without a special permit in writing from an officer or agent of the Department of Agriculture to sell exchange lease lend give away allow to stay remove or allow to be removed any animal or animals or any products goods material containers vehicles cars conveyances or other article on property named or described in an order of special quarantine (1929 April 17 P L 533 §5)

I Interstate movement of poultry and other birds poultry products and any other articles related to the production marketing or disposal of those avian products from the quarantine area herein described and other premises quarantined because of lethal avian influenza shall comply with Part 81 of Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations (9CFR)

II Avian Influenza herein referred to as lethal avian influenza for the purposes of this quarantine action shall be defined as infection of poultry and other birds with H5N2 Type A influenza virus. Interstate movement of poultry and other birds poultry products and other articles related to production marketing or disposal of those avian products into within or from the area of general quarantine herein described and from other quarantined premises shall be subject to the following restrictions

A No birds eggs poultry products manure litter or other contaminated materials shall be removed from flocks or premises quarantined by the Department because of infection with lethal avian influenza

B No poultry or poultry products including but not limited to chickens ducks geese turkey pigeons exotic fowl (except caged pet birds) and game birds raised in captivity shall be moved within or from the area of general quarantine described herein nor removed from quarantined premises except by permit of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

1 Permit may be issued for movement within the quarantine area of birds from flocks monitored by the Department and not known to be infected with or suspicious of lethal avian influenza

2 Day old chicks originating from flocks or hatcheries located in the quarantined area may be moved within the quarantine area providing the hatching eggs have met permit requirements (4)

3 Day old chicks hatched in the quarantined area originating from breeder flocks located outside the quarantine area may be issued permits to move from the quarantine area if

(a) the chicks have not been exposed to lethal avian influenza contaminated eggs birds equipment or shipping material and (b) are transported in clean and sanitized vehicles inspected and approved by the Department

4 Permits may be issued for movement of hatching eggs from breeder flocks located in the quarantine area described herein to approved hatching facilities in the quarantine area described herein only if

(a) the breeder flock is monitored by the Department for signs of lethal avian influenza (b) the breeder flock remains free of evidence of lethal avian influenza and (c) at least 30 eggs from each shipment of eggs from each flock are free of avian influenza antibody (eggs may be moved and set while testing is in progress) and

(d) such hatching eggs are fumigated in accordance with the following procedures (1) The eggs shall be fumigated in an airtight enclosure equipped with a fan to circulate the gas (2) The eggs shall be placed on wire racks in wire baskets or on cut type flats stacked outside of the egg cases (to permit air circulation) and exposed to circulating formaldehyde gas (3) The formaldehyde gas shall be provided by mixing 0.6 gram of potassium permanganate with 1/2 cc of formalin (37.5 percent) for each cubic foot of space in the enclosure. The ingredients shall be mixed in an earthenware or enamelware container having a capacity at least 10 times the volume of the total ingredients (4) The gas shall be circulated within the enclosure for 20 minutes and then expelled (5) The temperature in the enclosure during fumigation shall be at least 70°F (21°C) and the relative humidity above 70 percent and

(e) such hatching eggs are transported on new or sanitized packing materials

(f) hatching eggs in an incubator less than 18 days that have originated from a flock determined to be infected with lethal avian influenza shall be immediately destroyed. Potentially exposed eggs must be removed from the hatchery in a manner so as to prevent contamination of other eggs in the hatchery and these eggs shall be burned or buried in an approved landfill. The contaminated hatching equipment shall be cleaned disinfected and fumigated before new eggs are set following removal of infected or exposed eggs

5 Fertile eggs fumigated according to 4 (d) may be moved by permit from the quarantine area only to approved facilities for use as SPAFAS eggs or embryonated eggs for vaccine production

6 Permits may be issued for movement within and from the quarantine area of table use eggs from flocks monitored by the Department and not known to be infected with lethal avian influenza virus and which have been sanitized and packed in unused or sanitized flats and crates *

7 Nest run eggs (that is non sanitized eggs) from flocks monitored by the Department and not known to be infected with lethal avian influenza virus may be moved only within the quarantine area by permit to approved facilities for sanitizing and packing. Packing and shipping materials used for transporting nest run eggs (non sanitized) shall be disposed according to protocol established by the Task Force or sanitized prior to removal from the processing plant and necessary precautions shall be taken to minimize exposure of sanitary eggs packing materials and equipment to contaminated eggs packing materials and equipment. Sanitized eggs shipped from the processing plant shall be packed only in new packing materials *

8 Permit may be issued for movement from the quarantined area described herein of slaughtered and dressed poultry originating from flocks which have been monitored by the Department and not known to be infected with avian influenza virus

9 Permits may be issued for movement into or within the quarantine area described herein of poultry and eggs from flocks quarantined because of suspicion of avian influenza

(a) Live birds may be moved from flocks monitored by the Department and not known to be infected with lethal avian influenza virus for slaughter in plants under federal inspection in the quarantine area described herein if

(1) birds moving from these flocks are transported in vehicles covered so as to prevent contamination along the route and (2) equipment and vehicles utilized to transport these birds shall be considered under quarantine until proper C & D has been certified by an official representative of the Task Force

(b) Table eggs from flocks monitored by the Department and not known to be infected with lethal avian influenza virus may be moved only to processing plants located within the quarantine area. Flats and crates utilized to transport these eggs shall be cleaned and sanitized or destroyed before reuse or removal from the plant

10 Disposal of dead poultry cull eggs refuse litter manure and other contaminated articles originating from the quarantined area described herein and other premises quarantined because of avian influenza shall be only according to instructions issued by the Department

* The requirement that table eggs may move only from flocks monitored by the Department and determined to be lethal avian influenza test negative will become effective March 28 1984

C Quarantine of premises and flocks infected with or suspicious of lethal avian influenza may be released when

1 flocks and premises infected with lethal avian influenza are depopulated and

(a) all poultry carcasses and parts thereof eggs litter manure and other refuse has been properly disposed of and

(b) the premises have been cleaned and disinfected and rid of insect and rodent vectors in accordance with protocol established by the Task Force and

(c) no live poultry are taken onto the premises for a 30 day period after Task Force approval of C & D and

(d) the Department has determined that lethal avian influenza has been eradicated and that the premise can be safely repopulated

2 flocks and premises quarantined for avian influenza of low pathogenicity (prior to January 25 1984) are free of clinical signs of disease for at least 30 days and

(a) cloacal swabs of statistically significant samples from each flock are virus culture negative twice (an interval of at least 15 days between samples) and (b) premises (environment) samples of dust feed etc are virus culture negative and

(c) sentinel birds (at least 5 healthy H5N2 seronegative birds for each 1 000 birds in the quarantined flock) placed in the flock remain free of clinical signs of avian influenza virus and do not sero-convert positive for H5N2 influenza virus and

3 hatcheries quarantined because of avian influenza are depopulated and

(a) all eggs and other contaminated refuse are properly disposed of and

(b) the premises are cleaned and disinfected and fumigated in accordance with Department protocol and

(c) samples of dust from the environment are virus culture negative

D Birds may not be added to flocks or brought onto premises quarantined for avian influenza except by permit of the Department. Additions to quarantined flocks without permit of the Department may result in condemnation of any part of or all of the flock and forfeiture of any right to indemnity from the Department for condemned birds in the flock concerned. Additions to quarantined flocks without permit may also result in cancellation of permits to move poultry or poultry products from such flocks

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