

# CAFO Regulations

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year to revise the state CAFO permitting program, bringing it into compliance with the new federal regulations. EPA expects all CAFOs to meet the new federal requirements by year 2006.

The minimum federal requirements for all dairy cow or heifer-raising CAFOs are similar to Pennsylvania's current CAFO requirements. All CAFOs are required to develop and implement a nutrient management plan, keep records, and submit reports to the permitting authority. The specific requirements of a CAFO permit will depend on the category of the operation: Large, Medium, or Designated CAFO. The DEP has the authority to set additional requirements for any size CAFO. Therefore, it will be important for the dairy industry to keep abreast of how DEP interprets the EPA regulations into PA regulations.

Pennsylvania dairy farms must take appropriate steps to protect the environment. Sufficient time and resources must be allocated for this purpose.

For more information:

•Visit Penn State Cooperative Extension's Nutrient and Water Policy Update on the Web at: <http://agenvpolicy.aers.psu.edu>.

•Visit EPA on the Web at: <http://www.epa.gov/npdes/caforule>.

•Visit PA DEP on the Web at: <http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep>.

Any questions concerning permitting requirements should be directed to EPA or DEP.

•Call EPA's Office of Water Resource Center at (202) 566-1729 to request copies of these pamphlets: "What are the Federal Requirements for Dairy Cattle or Heifer CAFOs?" and "What are the Federal Record-Keeping and Reporting Requirements?"

•Contact EPA: Call EPA's CAFO Phone Line at (202) 564-0766, or call Hank Zygmunt, US EPA Region 3, Assistant Associate Director of Watersheds, Phone: (215) 814-5750, Email: [zygmunt.hank@epa.gov](mailto:zygmunt.hank@epa.gov).

•Contact PA DEP: Call your regional office or contact Cedric Karper, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection/Bureau of Watershed Management, Phone: (717) 783-7577, Email: [ckarper@state.pa.us](mailto:ckarper@state.pa.us)

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