





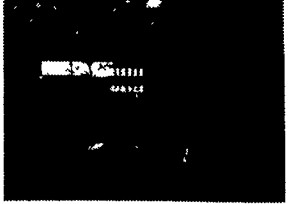



Comment Period Allows Farmers A Voice In Nutrient Management Law



	NOW	PROPOSED	
Definition of a CAO	All operations greater than 2 AEU's per acre	All operations greater than 2 AEU's per acre, exclude operation with less than 8 AEU's.	
Inclusion of Horses	Production Animals	Expanded to include pleasure animals (i.e. horse boarding operations)	
Erosion and Sediment Plans	Not needed for nutrient plan approval	Verification of E&S control plan (or conservation plan) required for nutrient management plan approval	
Manure Application Setbacks	100 feet from well where the ground is sloping to an active well when frozen, snow covered, saturated	100 feet from an active well year round, unless vegetative buffer (35-50 feet)	
Phosphorous Management	Nitrogen based nutrient application rates	Expanded to include Phosphorous-Index	
Exported Manure	Listing of who will receive manure, available acres, amount to be received, and when	Expanded to include: - signed agreements - nutrient balance sheet for importers - application setbacks - certified haulers	
Field Stacking of Manure	No specific criteria	- Proper location - Proper shape - Identified on map - Used by next growing season	
Bare Ground Applications	Winter manure application procedures described in plan	Expanded to restrict application on land having less than 25% cover, unless it will be planted to a crop (or commission approved practice)	
Animal Concentration Areas	Addressed with BMP's in the plan	- Minimize size - Divert clean water - Treat runoff - Eliminate/control animal access to streams in ACAs	