

CHAPTER 20

PERMITTING, DESIGN AND OPERATION STANDARDS  
 CONFINED SWINE FEEDING OPERATIONS

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47 (f) “Best available technology” or “BAT” means that technology and practice that  
48 has been tested, proven, and practiced at a number of locations and offers the best performance  
49 and protection for the environment and public health and safety for the local site conditions.  
50

51 (g) “BMP” means best management practice, as defined by Chapter 1, Wyoming  
52 Water Quality Division Rules and Regulations.  
53

54 (h) "Closed facility" and "closure" mean a confined swine feeding operation at which  
55 operations have been properly terminated and the site restored to the conditions specified by  
56 these regulations and the closure plan as approved as part of the current permit allowing  
57 operation of the confined swine feeding operation.  
58

59 (i) “Common ownership” means the ownership of a confined swine feeding  
60 operation as a sole proprietor, or a major ownership interest held by a person or entity, in each of  
61 two (2) or more feeding operations as a joint tenant, tenant in common, shareholder, partner,  
62 member, beneficiary, limited liability company or other equity interest holder. The majority  
63 ownership interest is a common ownership interest when it is held directly or indirectly through a  
64 partnership, a corporation, a closely held corporation, a limited liability corporation or  
65 partnership, parent or affiliate corporation, a spouse, a dependent child, or other legal entity or  
66 any combination thereof.  
67

68 (j) “Complete application” means an application for a permit and a management plan  
69 that has all the necessary components. The major elements of each component as identified by  
70 this regulation must be present for the application to be complete. A complete application may or  
71 may not be technically adequate.  
72

73 (k) “Confined swine feeding operation” means an operational unit where swine are  
74 confined, fed, and maintained for a total of 45 consecutive days or more in any twelve (12)  
75 month period and the operational unit is designed to confine an equivalent of 1,000 or more  
76 animal units.  
77

78 (l) "Corrective action" means all actions necessary to eliminate the threat to public  
79 health and safety and the threat to the environment from a release to the environment of  
80 pollutants from an operating or closed confined swine feeding operation and to restore the  
81 environmental conditions as required.  
82

83 (m) “Dilute liquid wastes” means those liquid wastes resulting from confined swine  
84 feeding operations utilizing a minimum fresh water flushing flow of four (4) gallons/hour/1000  
85 lbs of animal weight on site.  
86

87 (n) “Division” means the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality/Water  
88 Quality Division.  
89

90 (o) “Direct human consumption crops” means crops consumed directly by humans.  
91 These include but are not limited to fruits, vegetables, and grains grown for human consumption.  
92

93 (p) "Housed facility" means any structure that is used to enclose, contain, or shelter  
94 swine and to treat or store wastes originating from the operation. This includes feed pens and  
95 confinement areas that may not be sheltered by a roof, but contain manure or animal waste.  
96

97 (q) "Indirect human consumption crops" means crops utilized by grazing animals.  
98

99 (r) "Lagoon" means a manmade or natural basin that is intended for containment,  
100 treatment or disposal of animal wastes and wastewater.  
101

102 (s) "Land application" means the beneficial use of animal waste products by the  
103 spraying or spreading of animal wastes onto the land surface; the injection of animal waste  
104 below the land surface; or the incorporation of animal waste into the soil so that the animal waste  
105 can either condition the soil or fertilize crops or vegetation grown on the soil.  
106

107 (t) "Liquid wastes" means animal wastes with a solids content of five (5) percent or  
108 less by weight. These animal wastes are generally produced when feces and urine are diluted by  
109 wash water or flushing water.  
110

111 (u) "Management plan" means a comprehensive plan for managing the animal wastes  
112 from a confined swine feeding operation. The management plan is a mandatory part of the  
113 application for a permit. It includes the following:  
114

115 (i) Construction plan;

116 (ii) Operation plan;

117 (iii) Animal waste management plan; and  
118

119 (iv) Financial assurance, closure and corrective action plan.  
120

121 (v) "Manure" means animal excreta or other commonly associated animal wastes of  
122 animal husbandry including, but not limited to, bedding, litter, or feed losses.  
123

124 (w) "Manure slurries" means animal wastes with a solids content of five (5) to ten  
125 (10) percent by weight that are primarily feces and urine, and when agitated, behave as a liquid.  
126 Manure with a solids content greater than ten (10) percent by weight that does not pass the paint  
127 filter test shall be managed as a manure slurry.  
128

129 (x) "Manure storage facility" means any structure, storage basin, bunker, pad, etc.,  
130 other than a lagoon utilized to store animal waste.  
131

132 (y) "Monitoring" means all procedures and techniques used to systematically collect,  
133 analyze, and inspect data on operational parameters of the confined swine feeding operation or  
134 on the quality of the air, groundwater, surface water and soil.  
135

136 (z) "Notice of Intent" is the notice provided to the ~~d~~Division, local governments, and  
137  
138

139 the public by a potential applicant for a permit that the construction and operation of a confined  
140 swine feeding operation at a specific site is being considered.

141  
142 (aa) “Occupied dwelling” means a permanent building or fixed mobile home that is  
143 occupied on a permanent or temporary basis as a residence.

144  
145 (bb) “Operational unit” means all adjacent common ownership housed facilities or  
146 housed facilities on noncontiguous, common ownership lands that utilize a common area or  
147 system for the storage, treatment, or disposal of animal wastes.

148  
149 (cc) “Operator” means those legal entities or persons who control activities associated  
150 with the housed facilities that are part of a confined swine feeding operation as set forth in these  
151 regulations.

152  
153 (dd) "Owner" means those legal entities or persons in whose name the deed for the  
154 land occupied by the housed facility is recorded. Owner also includes any legal entity or person  
155 with a general interest in any real property that is part of the housed facility.

156  
157 (ee) “Pathogen” means a disease causing organism. This includes, but is not limited to,  
158 certain bacteria, protozoa, viruses, cysts, and viable helminth ova.

159  
160 (ff) "Permit" means written authorization duly executed by the ~~e~~Director ~~which~~ that  
161 authorizes the permittee to construct or operate a confined swine feeding operation as set forth in  
162 these regulations.

163  
164 (gg) “Permittee” means all owners and operators bound by the permit.

165  
166 (hh) “Public hearing” means a non-adversarial meeting held by the ~~a~~Administrator or  
167 the ~~e~~Director. The meeting shall be conducted pursuant to Chapter 3 of the Wyoming  
168 Department of Environmental Quality Rules of Practice and Procedure.

169  
170 (ii) "Release" means, but is not limited to, any spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring,  
171 emptying, emitting, discharging, dumping, escaping, leaching, or unauthorized disposal of any  
172 animal waste product, organic or non-organic, from a confined swine feeding operation ~~which~~  
173 that may result in the pollution of groundwater, surface water, soils, or air.

174  
175 (jj) “Relinquished facility” means a facility for which the permittee is not capable or  
176 willing to complete closure in compliance with the permit.

177  
178 (kk) "Sludge" means the accumulated solids settled from a wastewater treatment  
179 facility.

180  
181 (ll) “Slurry” means a mixture of liquids and undissolved solids that behaves primarily  
182 as a liquid.

183  
184 (mm) "Soil" means all unconsolidated material overlaying bedrock.

185  
186 (nn) "Solid manure" means animal wastes with a solids content greater than ten  
187 percent (10%) by weight produced by separating liquid and solid wastes. Solid manure must pass  
188 the paint filter test, as defined by Method 9095A from EPA Test Methods For Evaluating Solid  
189 Waste.

190  
191 (oo) "Swine" means butcher or breeding pigs that are over 55 pounds weight. For  
192 purposes of determining animal units, three (3) pigs each weighing less than 55 pounds that have  
193 been weaned from the sow shall be counted as one (1) swine.

194  
195 (pp) "Technically adequate" means that the information presented in an application for  
196 a permit is scientifically sound, meets all requirements of the regulations and is sufficient to  
197 allow the ~~a~~Administrator to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed permit.

198  
199 (qq) "Treatment facility" means an animal waste receiving facility designed to digest  
200 or alter the animal waste either mechanically or biologically.

201  
202 (rr) "Vector" means a carrier that is capable of transmitting a pathogen from one  
203 organism to another including, but not limited to, flies, other insects, rodents, birds, and vermin.

204  
205 (ss) "Waste collection system" means a system, including pipelines, conduits,  
206 pumping stations, force mains, and all other construction, devices, appurtenances, and facilities  
207 used for collecting animal wastes or conducting animal wastes to an ultimate point for treatment  
208 or disposal. The waste collection system is considered to start at the end of or immediately  
209 beneath the feeding floor. The collection system shall include all piping, channels, and  
210 appurtenances that transfer the animal waste and flush water from the feeding floor to the animal  
211 waste treatment or storage facility.

212  
213 (tt) "Waste storage facilities" are structures or other receptacles that store animal  
214 waste for periods of ~~fourteen~~ (14) days or more. Animal waste receiving facilities not designed  
215 specifically to alter the animal waste either mechanically or biologically shall be considered  
216 storage facilities. Some decomposition of animal waste may occur during extended periods of  
217 storage.

218 **Section 4. Purpose.** This regulation sets forth the requirements and process for  
219 applying for and obtaining a permit for a confined swine feeding operation.

220  
221 **Section 5. Applicability.**

222  
223 (a) These regulations shall apply to all confined swine feeding operations that file a  
224 permit application after February 28, 1997.

225  
226 (b) These regulations shall apply to confined swine feeding operations that filed a  
227 permit application before February 28, 1997 if there is an increase in animal unit capacity above  
228 permitted levels.

229  
230 (c) These regulations shall apply to all confined swine feeding operation animal

231 waste produced by operations permitted under this regulation.

232

233 (d) These regulations shall apply to any housed facilities that can be considered an  
234 operational unit due to common ownership and collectively meet the criteria of a confined swine  
235 feeding operation.

236

237 (e) Modifications of facilities, exempted from the provisions of these regulations,  
238 ~~which~~ that do not result in an increase in animal unit capacity above permitted levels, shall be  
239 regulated by the provisions of Chapters 3 and 11 of the Water Quality Division Rules and  
240 Regulations.

241

242 (f) These regulations supersede Chapter 3, except for Section ~~15~~ 17, and Chapter 11  
243 for confined swine feeding operations.

244

245 **Section 6. Prohibitions.**

246

247 (a) No person shall construct or operate a confined swine feeding operation prior to  
248 receiving a permit in accordance with these regulations.

249

250 (b) No person shall construct, modify, or operate any confined swine feeding  
251 operation unless authorized and in compliance with a permit.

252

253 (c) No person shall construct, modify, or operate a confined swine feeding operation  
254 with a permit that has expired or has been suspended or revoked.

255

256 (d) No person shall construct, modify, or operate any confined swine feeding  
257 operation without complying with all financial assurance requirements of these regulations.

258

259 (e) No person shall discharge animal waste to the ~~s~~Surface ~~w~~Waters of the ~~s~~State.

260

261 **Section 7. Requirements for an Application for a Permit.** The following  
262 procedures shall be used when applying for a permit:

263

264 (a) Any person who proposes to construct, modify, or operate a confined swine  
265 feeding operation shall submit a written application for a permit on forms provided by the  
266 ~~a~~AAdministrator.

267

268 (b) The application for a permit shall be accompanied by a management plan. A  
269 complete management plan shall have the following components:

270

271 (i) Construction plan;

272

273 (ii) Operation plan;

274

275 (iii) Animal waste management plan; and

276



277 (iv) Financial assurance, closure, post closure, and corrective action plan.  
278

279 (c) The application for approval of a permit or for modification of an approved  
280 permit must be accompanied by three (3) copies of plans, specifications, design data, or other  
281 pertinent information covering the project and any additional information requested by the  
282 ~~a~~Administrator.

283  
284 (d) In instances where a groundwater monitoring program is required as determined  
285 by the ~~a~~Administrator, the application shall also include a proposed monitoring program to  
286 satisfy the requirements of Section ~~15~~ 17, Chapter 3, Wyoming Water Quality Division Rules  
287 and Regulations.

288  
289 (e) All construction plans and specifications submitted shall carry the seal and  
290 signature of the designing engineer in accordance with W.S. 33-29-114 through 33-29-139.

291  
292 (f) All plans and specifications must conform to common and accepted professional  
293 practices as determined by the ~~a~~Administrator or as defined by applicable division regulations.  
294

295 (g) The application form shall be signed by all owners and operators that have a  
296 participation in the confined swine feeding operation. The persons signing the permit shall be:

297  
298 (i) For a sole proprietorship or family farm, the proprietor or the farmer.  
299

300 (ii) For a corporation, limited liability company, or other form of legal entity,  
301 an individual having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility and the  
302 authority to encumber the entity.  
303

304 (iii) For a partnership, a general partner.  
305

306 (h) One permit shall be issued listing all applicants of record. Each owner or operator  
307 signatory to the permit shall be jointly and severally liable for compliance with all terms of the  
308 permit.  
309

310 **Section 8. Construction Plan Content.**  
311

312 (a) An engineering design report that describes existing conditions, problems, and the  
313 proposed solution is required as part of the management plan. The engineering design report  
314 shall include:  
315

316 (i) A description of the confined swine feeding operation site and vicinity. A  
317 site plan prepared on a 7 1/2' USGS Quadrangle or a high color reproduction shall be included.  
318 Everything within two (2) miles of the site perimeter shall be shown. This plan shall indicate the  
319 location of occupied dwellings, public or private schools, incorporated municipalities, domestic  
320 water wells, wetlands, and perennial streams within the setback distances specific in W.S.  
321 35-11-302 (a)(ix)(C) and Sections 24 and 25 of these regulations.  
322

- 323 (ii) A detailed description of the project and site plan, including:  
324  
325 (A) Present and projected confined swine feeding operation property.  
326  
327 (B) Flood vulnerability.  
328  
329 (I) Indicate areas subject to flooding by a 100-year event.  
330  
331 (II) Indicate areas subject to flooding by the maximum  
332 probable flood event.  
333  
334 (C) Present and proposed access.  
335  
336 (D) Distances from occupied dwellings.  
337  
338 (E) Prevailing wind direction.  
339  
340 (F) Proposed fencing and any other site security measures.  
341  
342 (G) Topographic features and contours with indicated datum. The  
343 datum must be a standard datum recognized by the U.S. Geological Survey.  
344  
345 (H) Two (2) permanent benchmarks within one (1) mile of the facility  
346 tied to the reference datum.  
347  
348 (I) A geologic report signed and sealed by a licensed professional  
349 geologist in accordance with W.S. 33-41-101 through 33-41-121 that includes:  
350  
351 (I) A stratigraphic column that illustrates the thickness and  
352 geologic names of alluvial materials and geologic formations that comprise the unsaturated, or  
353 vadose, zone.  
354  
355 (II) A description of the lithology and hydraulic conductivity of  
356 materials and geologic formations comprising the unsaturated zone, the first encountered  
357 groundwater section, and the uppermost aquifer underlying the proposed facility.  
358  
359 (III) A potentiometric map of the uppermost water table that  
360 illustrates the locations and use of all wells within one (1) mile of the proposed facility, clearly  
361 identifying those wells producing in whole, or in part, from the uppermost aquifer. Include  
362 project borings or wells.  
363  
364 (IV) A description of the uppermost aquifer in terms of its  
365 confinement or unconfinement, type and amount of porosity.  
366  
367 (J) Baseline surface water quality: Baseline water quality shall be  
368 established for all surface waters within two (2) miles of the facility. Where adequate water

369 quality records are not available, four (4) quarterly samples shall be performed. All quarterly  
370 sampling need not be completed when the permit application is submitted.

371  
372 (K) Baseline groundwater quality: Baseline groundwater quality shall  
373 be established for any unconfined aquifer and any other Class I, II, or III aquifers being produced  
374 within two (2) miles of the facility. All wells owned or developed by the common ownership  
375 controlling the facility shall be sampled and tested one (1) time for the parameters listed in Table  
376 1 of Chapter 8 of the Water Quality Division Regulations. The permit applicant shall make all  
377 reasonable efforts within the applicant's control to obtain water samples from private wells as  
378 necessary to test all aquifers.

379  
380 (iii) Design conditions, including:

381  
382 (A) Initial or existing and proposed animal capacity, expressed as  
383 number of head and as live animal weight.

384  
385 (B) Initial or existing and projected waste generation rates and  
386 generation rate variations.

387 (C) Shock loads, with cause and frequency.

388  
389 (D) Initial or existing and projected waste characteristics.

390  
391 (E) Projected treated waste characteristics.

392  
393 (F) Climate conditions at the confined swine feeding operation site.

394  
395 (G) Existing or proposed water supply.

396  
397 (H) Odor control requirements.

398  
399 (I) Dust control requirements.

400  
401 (J) Pathogen control requirements.

402  
403 (K) Vector control requirements.

404  
405 (iv) A demonstration that groundwater quality class of use as identified in  
406 Chapter 8, Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations shall be protected in accordance with  
407 Chapter 3, Section ~~45~~ 17, Wyoming Water Quality Division Rules and Regulations.

408  
409 (v) Specific requirements of any applicable approved water quality  
410 management, source water or well head protection plan.

411  
412 (vi) Design calculations for animal waste collection systems.

413  
414 (vii) Design calculations for animal waste storage and animal waste treatment

415 facilities.

416

417 (b) Detailed plans shall be prepared and submitted.

418

419 (i) All plans shall have a suitable title block and legend that includes:

420

421 (A) Name of permittee and location of project.

422

423 (B) The revision date and number.

424

425 (C) North arrow and graphical drawing scale.

426

427 (D) Name, seal, and signature of the engineer. The engineer must have  
428 a current registration in the State of Wyoming.

429

430 (ii) All plans shall be tied to the reference datum used for the project.

431

432 (iii) All drawings shall be scaled and dimensioned.

433

434 (iv) The first page of each plan set shall be a cover sheet with an index to the  
435 plans. The second page shall be the site plan referred to in Section 8 (a)(ii).

436

437 (v) Detailed plans of the animal waste collection systems shall include:

438

439 (A) Site location and layout, including existing and proposed buildings  
440 and facilities.

441

442 (B) Locations and dimensions of animal waste collection systems,  
443 including those in and under buildings. Constructed pits and flushing gutters shall be shown. All  
444 animal waste transmission lines (sewers) and appurtenances shall be shown.

445

446 (C) Detailed cross sections and profiles. The location of all cross  
447 sections and profiles shall be identified on the plan views.

448

449 (D) Schematic flow diagrams and hydraulic profiles.

450

451 (vi) Detailed plans of the animal waste storage and animal waste treatment  
452 facilities shall include:

453

454 (A) Detailed cross sections. The location of all cross sections should be  
455 identified on the plan views.

456

457 (B) Construction details. Special emphasis shall be given to primary  
458 and secondary containment features. All mechanical and electrical devices and lines associated  
459 with animal waste management shall be shown.

460

461 (C) Additional features affecting animal waste management not  
462 otherwise shown on the drawings or covered in the specifications.

463  
464 (c) The specifications accompanying the construction drawings shall include the  
465 following information for all construction related to animal waste management:

466  
467 (i) Identification of required performance characteristics of all construction  
468 materials.

469  
470 (ii) The type, size, strength, operating characteristics, rating or requirements  
471 for all mechanical and electrical equipment; laboratory fixtures and equipment; operating tools;  
472 special appurtenances; and chemicals where applicable.

473  
474 (iii) Construction and installation procedures.

475  
476 (iv) Testing requirements to ~~assure~~ ensure materials and equipment meet  
477 design standards.

478  
479 **Section 9. Operation Plan Content.** An operation plan is required for each new or  
480 modified confined swine feeding operations. The plan shall be finalized and approved prior to  
481 the approval of the permit. The plan shall include a description of the operation of the following  
482 as necessary for the proper management of animal waste facilities:

483  
484 (a) Feeding and production facilities.

485  
486 (b) Animal waste collection systems.

487  
488 (c) Animal waste storage facilities.

489  
490 (d) Animal waste and wastewater application systems.

491  
492 (e) Description of emergency operation and response actions.

493  
494 (f) Sampling, analysis and reporting requirements appropriate for the operation.

495  
496 (g) Disposal of other wastes:

497  
498 (i) Non-manure solid wastes incidental to the operation.

499  
500 (ii) Dead animals.

501  
502 (h) Operation and maintenance manual.

503  
504 **Section 10. Animal Waste Management Plan Content.** The animal waste  
505 management plan shall address the following, if applicable:

506

- 507 (a) The amount of animal waste to be generated at the facility and a description of  
508 storage methods.  
509
- 510 (b) The estimated time period that animal waste must be stored before land  
511 application.  
512
- 513 (c) The total amount of the controlling constituents produced by the operation  
514
- 515 (d) The controlling constituents requirements or uptake values for the vegetation or  
516 crops to receive the animal waste.  
517
- 518 (e) The acreage to receive the animal waste except when solid wastes are sold or  
519 given away.  
520
- 521 (f) A description of the animal waste conveyance or transportation method to get the  
522 animal waste to the land application sites.  
523
- 524 (g) A demonstration that adequate and suitable land is available upon which to land  
525 apply the animal waste in accordance with the requirements of these regulations.  
526
- 527 (h) The estimated application rate in terms of tons of animal waste and controlling  
528 constituents per acre, including:  
529
- 530 (i) A description of animal waste and soil sampling and analysis procedures  
531 to determine application rates.  
532
- 533 (ii) A description of record keeping systems for location, dates and rates of  
534 animal waste application, and for animal waste and soil testing results.  
535
- 536 (i) The planned method and time of application.  
537
- 538 (j) Written agreements with landowners for land application must be included in the  
539 plan, if animal waste is to be applied on property not owned by the permittee.  
540
- 541 (i) Agreements with landowners for land application shall allow the  
542 ~~e~~Division to assume the agreement in the event that a facility is relinquished.  
543
- 544 (ii) Agreements with landowners for land application must provide right of  
545 entry for the ~~e~~Division for the life of the agreement to monitor for compliance with the permit.  
546
- 547 (k) Procedures and methods to control odors from animal confinement areas, lagoons,  
548 animal waste storage facilities, and land application sites.  
549
- 550 (l) Procedures and methods to control vectors associated with confined swine feeding  
551 operations.  
552

553 (m) If the animal waste is to be utilized for uses other than land application, the  
554 animal waste management plan must demonstrate that the protection of ~~w~~Waters of the ~~s~~State,  
555 public health and safety, and the environment is equal to or greater than that provided by land  
556 application conducted in accordance with these regulations.

557  
558 **Section 11. Financial Assurance Plan Content.** The financial assurance plan shall be  
559 consistent with Parts E and F of these regulations and shall contain the following:

560  
561 (a) A relinquished site closure plan and an estimate of associated costs in accordance  
562 with Sections 44 and 47 of these regulations.

563  
564 (b) A calculation of the corrective action contingency bond amount prepared in  
565 accordance with Section 48.

566  
567 (c) The financial assurance instruments shall be in amounts determined by the  
568 ~~a~~Administrator to be adequate to carry out the activities contained in the relinquished site closure  
569 plan plus the corrective action contingency bond amount plus solid waste transfer, treatment,  
570 storage or disposal bond amounts as required by Section 21. The entire amount of financial  
571 assurance provided shall be available to remedy any violation of this regulation or any other  
572 violations of the Environmental Quality Act associated with the confined swine feeding  
573 operation permitted by this regulation.

574  
575 (d) Provision for annual review and updating of the financial assurance instruments.

576  
577 **Section 12. Application Processing Procedures.**

578  
579 (a) Each application for a confined swine feeding operation permit must be submitted  
580 with all supporting data necessary for review. Processing of the application shall be in  
581 accordance with the provisions of applicable statutes of the ~~s~~State and regulations of the  
582 ~~d~~Division.

583  
584 (b) The ~~a~~Administrator or a designated representative shall review each application  
585 and resubmittal within thirty (30) days of receipt in order to determine if it is complete. This  
586 completeness review shall determine if all of the components of a management plan, as defined  
587 in these regulations, are addressed in the application. All items not specified as incomplete shall  
588 be deemed to be complete.

589  
590 (c) If an application is determined to be incomplete, the necessary information to  
591 complete the application shall be requested by the ~~a~~Administrator or his designated  
592 representative.

593  
594 (d) Upon determination than an application is complete, the applicant shall be  
595 directed to provide public notice according to Section 13 (b) of these regulations. The public  
596 notice of a complete application is intended to allow the public the opportunity to provide  
597 comment during the technical review of the proposed permit.

598

599 (e) Permit applications determined to be complete shall be reviewed for technical  
600 adequacy in the following manner:

601  
602 (i) A technical review shall be completed by the ~~e~~Division within sixty (60)  
603 days of the determination that the application is complete.

604  
605 (ii) Additional information may be requested by the ~~a~~Administrator or his  
606 designated representative to satisfy the technical review and demonstrate that the proposed  
607 confined swine feeding operation shall meet the requirements of these regulations.

608  
609 (iii) Review of additional information submitted shall be completed by the  
610 ~~e~~Division within sixty (60) days of receipt. If the information submitted is still inadequate to  
611 allow the Administrator and Director to make a decision to deny or approve the application,  
612 more information may be requested of the applicant subject to the procedures outlined in this  
613 sub-section. All items not specified as technically inadequate shall be deemed to be adequate for  
614 purposes of this subsection.

615  
616 (f) The applicant shall have a maximum of six (6) months to fully comply with any  
617 request for necessary or additional information under this subsection.

618  
619 (i) If the applicant fails to completely satisfy the request for information  
620 within eight (8) months of the determination that the application is complete, the permit  
621 application shall be terminated.

622  
623 (ii) The Notice of Intent referred to in Section 13 (a) shall be automatically  
624 revoked by the termination of the application.

625  
626 (iii) The ~~e~~Director has the discretion for good cause to extend the time period  
627 to satisfy the request for information beyond eight (8) months from the determination that the  
628 application was complete.

629  
630 **Section 13. Notice of Intent, Public Participation, Public Notice, and Public**  
631 **Hearing Requirements.**

632  
633 (a) A prospective applicant for a confined swine feeding operation permit must file a  
634 Notice of Intent with the ~~e~~Division. A Notice of Intent is filed for the purpose of establishing a  
635 date to fix setback requirements in accordance with Section 24 of these regulations and to keep  
636 the public fully informed. The official date of the notification of intent shall be the date that it is  
637 received by the ~~e~~Division.

638  
639 (i) The party filing the Notice of Intent shall have a maximum of twelve (12)  
640 months from the filing date to submit a completed permit application.

641  
642 (ii) If a completed permit application has not been submitted within twelve  
643 (12) months, the Notice of Intent shall expire.

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645 (iii) The Notice of Intent shall be filed upon forms provided by the eDivision  
646 and shall include the following information:

- 647
- 648 (A) Identification of the submitting party.
  - 649
  - 650 (B) Size and type of proposed confined swine feeding operation.
  - 651
  - 652 (C) Legal description of the proposed housed facility.
  - 653
  - 654 (D) A list of all property owners of record within one (1) mile of the  
655 perimeter of the proposed housed facility.
  - 656
  - 657 (E) The signature of a responsible official for the submitting party and  
658 the date.

659 (iv) The prospective applicant shall:

- 660 (A) Send a copy of the Notice of Intent to all property owners within  
661 the one (1) mile perimeter by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- 662
- 663 (B) Provide a Notice of Intent to any local government having  
664 jurisdiction over the area where the facility or operation is proposed to be located or to any  
665 jurisdiction within five (5) miles of the location. The eDivision shall receive verification that this  
666 requirement was met.
- 667
- 668 (C) Publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the  
669 proposed facility a copy of the Notice of Intent to be filed with the eDivision. The eDivision  
670 shall be provided a certified published copy of this public notice.

671 (b) When a proposed permit filed with the eDivision is determined to be complete, a  
672 public notice shall be issued by the applicant.

673 (i) The public notice shall include the following information:

- 674 (A) The names, addresses, and phone numbers of the eDivision and  
675 applicant personnel whom interested persons may contact to review the application.
- 676
- 677 (B) The name, address, and phone number of the applicant for the  
678 confined swine feeding operation permit.
- 679
- 680 (C) The location of facilities to be constructed, including the housed  
681 facility and land application areas.
- 682
- 683 (D) A brief description of the proposed confined swine feeding  
684 operation.
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- 691 (E) A brief description of comment and public hearing procedures.  
692  
693 (F) Any additional information considered necessary by the ~~e~~Division.  
694  
695 (ii) The applicant shall provide public notice by:  
696  
697 (A) Mailing the notice to any unit of local government (including  
698 counties) having jurisdiction over the area where the facility or operation is proposed to be  
699 located or jurisdiction within five (5) miles of the location. The ~~e~~Division shall be provided a  
700 copy of this notice.  
701  
702 (B) Mailing by first class mail the public notice to all persons and  
703 organizations on a general mailing list of interested parties provided by the ~~e~~Division.  
704  
705 (C) Publishing in a newspaper of general circulation and any local  
706 papers in the area of the proposed facility, a public notice prepared by the ~~e~~Division. The  
707 ~~e~~Division shall be provided a certified published copy of this public notice.  
708  
709 (iii) The intent of the public notice is to provide the public an opportunity to  
710 comment. The comment period shall be a minimum of ~~thirty (30)~~ days from the date of  
711 publication. During the public comment period, any interested person may submit written  
712 comments on the permit application to the ~~e~~Division. Any interested person may submit a  
713 written request detailing the need for a public hearing.  
714  
715 (c) When an application for a proposed operation is determined to be technically  
716 adequate, the ~~a~~Administrator shall hold a public hearing upon finding a significant degree of  
717 public interest. The ~~a~~Administrator also has the discretion to hold a public hearing whenever  
718 such a hearing may clarify issues involved in the review of a permit.  
719  
720 (i) If a public hearing is to be held, the ~~a~~Administrator shall provide a notice  
721 of the public hearing. Notice of a public hearing shall be given at least ~~thirty (30)~~ days before the  
722 hearing. A notice of public hearing shall be provided after the permit application has been  
723 determined by the ~~a~~Administrator to be technically adequate to make a decision to either approve  
724 or deny the permit.  
725  
726 (ii) The applicant shall be required to provide a public hearing place in the  
727 vicinity of the proposed confined swine feeding operation. Such hearing place shall  
728 accommodate such attendance as might reasonably be expected. The hearing place shall conform  
729 to the accessibility standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act.  
730  
731 (iii) The notice of public hearing shall contain the following information in  
732 addition to that information required by Section 13 (b)(i):  
733  
734 (A) Reference to previous public notices relating to the proposed  
735 permit.  
736

737 (B) Any additional information considered necessary by the ~~d~~Division.

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739 (C) Date, time, and place of the public hearing.

740

741 (D) A brief description of the nature and purpose of the public hearing.

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743 (iv) The public comment period shall automatically extend to the close of any  
744 public hearing. The ~~a~~Administrator may also extend the comment period by so stating at the  
745 public hearing.

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747 **Section 14. Approval or Denial of a Permit Application.** A permit shall be approved  
748 if the permit application complies with all provisions of these regulations and the Wyoming  
749 Environmental Quality Act. The management plan shall show that the proposed confined swine  
750 feeding operation can be operated in compliance with these regulations.

751

752 (a) The ~~a~~Administrator shall not render a final recommendation to the ~~d~~Director on a  
753 proposed permit until after the completion of the final comment period and the public hearing, if  
754 one is held. The ~~a~~Administrator shall make a decision as soon as reasonably possible. Before a  
755 final decision is issued, the ~~a~~Administrator shall prepare a written response to all comments  
756 received during the comment period. The written response shall be provided to members of the  
757 public upon request. The written response shall:

758

759 (i) Specify any changes made to the management plan as the result of public  
760 comment.

761

762 (ii) Briefly describe and respond to all comments voicing a legitimate  
763 regulatory concern that is within the authority of the ~~d~~Division to regulate.

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765 (b) The ~~d~~Director may deny a permit for any of the following reasons:

766

767 (i) The application does not meet applicable minimum design, construction,  
768 or operation standards as specified by these regulations.

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770 (ii) The facility, if constructed, would cause violation of applicable state  
771 surface or groundwater standards.

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773 (iii) The project does not comply with applicable state and local water quality  
774 management plans or approved well head or source water protection plans.

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776 (iv) The facility does not comply with the setback requirements of W.S.  
777 35-11-302 (a)(ix).

778

779 (v) The application does not demonstrate the use of BAT to reduce odors,  
780 pathogens, and vectors.

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782 (vi) The application does not meet the requirements for financial assurance as

783 required in Part F of these regulations.

784

785 (vii) Other justifiable reasons necessary to carry out the provisions of the  
786 Environmental Quality Act.

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788 (viii) The application is incomplete according to Sections 7 through 11.

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790 (c) The procedures to be followed in case of denial are as follows:

791

792 (i) The ~~d~~Director shall notify the applicant by registered or certified mail of  
793 the decision to deny the permit application and the reason for denial.

794

795 (ii) The applicant may request a contested case hearing before the  
796 Environmental Quality Council pursuant to the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality  
797 Rules of Practice and Procedure.

798

799 **Section 15. Periodic Review of the Management Plan.**

800

801 (a) Prior to ninety (90) days of the fifth anniversary of the date of issuance of the  
802 permit and every five (5) years thereafter, the permittee shall submit to the ~~d~~Division a report of  
803 review of the management plan. The report shall evaluate compliance of the confined swine  
804 feeding operation with the permit and address the following items:

805

806 (i) Record of compliance with applicable regulations and statutes.

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808 (ii) A determination of whether BAT is incorporated in the permit as required  
809 for animal waste management practices.

810

811 (iii) Status of any closure activities or corrective actions that are underway.

812

813 (iv) Compliance with financial assurance requirements.

814

815 (b) The ~~a~~Administrator or a designated representative shall evaluate the review within  
816 sixty (60) days of receipt. The ~~d~~Division may request additional information or modifications as  
817 necessary to satisfy the requirements of subparagraph (a) above.

818

819 (c) The ~~d~~Division shall publish a notice of the availability of the management plan  
820 review and the ~~d~~Division's findings in accordance with the procedures for a public notice as  
821 described by Section 13 (b)(ii) of these regulations.

822

823 **Section 16. Transfer of a Permit.** A confined swine feeding operation permit may be  
824 transferred upon submittal of a written request to the ~~a~~Administrator signed by all present and  
825 proposed parties to the permit. A transfer shall be requested within sixty (60) days of sale or  
826 transfer of real estate or real property, or change of operator.

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828 (a) The ~~a~~Administrator shall approve or deny the transfer within thirty (30) days after

829 receipt of the request.

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831 (b) The ~~a~~Administrator may refuse to approve the transfer of the permit if:

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833 (i) The proposed permittee fails to provide adequate financial assurance; or

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835 (ii) The proposed permittee or a controlling interest in the proposed permittee  
836 has a pattern or history of significant violations of the Environmental Quality Act or similar acts  
837 in other jurisdictions of the United States.

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839 (c) The new permittee must acknowledge and accept all conditions of the permit.

840

841 **Section 17. Modification of a Management Plan.** A management plan may be  
842 modified with the approval of the ~~a~~Administrator upon demonstration that the modification  
843 complies with this and other applicable regulations.

844

845 (a) The permittee may request a modification to the management plan. Modifications  
846 shall be requested when necessary to correct operational problems or to incorporate best  
847 available technology (BAT). Modifications to the operation may be requested at the permittee's  
848 discretion.

849

850 (b) The permittee must receive approval from the ~~a~~Administrator for a modification  
851 before initiating any change in operational procedures including but not limited to the following:

852

853 (i) Increasing the number of animals permitted at the operation.

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855 (ii) Changing animal waste treatment, storage, or disposal practices from  
856 those permitted at the facility.

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858 (iii) Changing the nature and volume of the animal waste generated at the  
859 facility.

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861 (iv) Disposing of animal waste at any locations other than those identified in  
862 the permit.

863

864 (c) The ~~a~~Administrator may require the permittee to modify a management plan as  
865 necessary because of:

866

867 (i) Significant changes to the operation.

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869 (ii) Significant advances in BAT.

870

871 (iii) Changes to the operation determined by the ~~a~~Administrator to be  
872 necessary to ensure that the operation complies with the Environmental Quality Act and related  
873 statutes and regulations.

874

875 (iv) Discovery of existing, unknown, or changing site conditions that could  
876 prevent construction or subsequent operations from complying with applicable statutes and  
877 regulations.

878  
879 (v) Discovery of inaccurate or false information in the permit.

880  
881 (vi) Failure to comply with the permit and these regulations.  
882

883 **Section 18. Probation or Suspension of a Permit.**  
884

885 (a) The ~~d~~Director may place a permit on probation for violation or the threat to  
886 violate the terms and conditions of the permit or these regulations. If the permittee fails to  
887 resolve the issues leading to probation within ninety (90) days, the ~~d~~Director may suspend or  
888 revoke the permit. The ~~d~~Director shall notify the permittee by registered or certified mail of the  
889 ~~d~~Department's intent to place the permit on probation. The notification shall include the effective  
890 date and the reasons for probation. A permit may be suspended or revoked without being placed  
891 on probation.  
892

893 (b) The ~~d~~Director may suspend a permit for:

894 (i) A substantial noncompliance with the terms and conditions of the permit  
895 or these regulations.  
896

897 (ii) Unapproved modifications in design, construction, or operation.  
898

899 (iii) Failure to submit records and information required to show compliance  
900 with the permit.  
901

902 (iv) Violation of any financial assurance requirements.  
903

904 (v) Failure to request a transfer pursuant to Section 16 of these regulations  
905 within sixty (60) days of sale or exchange of an operational unit. Failure to apply for a permit  
906 transfer upon sale or exchange of an operational unit is a violation of these regulations that shall  
907 allow the ~~d~~Director to declare forfeiture of the financial assurance provided by the permittee of  
908 record.  
909

910 (vi) Any other reason necessary to achieve compliance with applicable  
911 statutes, standards, or regulations.  
912

913 (c) The ~~d~~Director shall notify the permittee of record by registered or certified mail  
914 of the ~~d~~Department's intent to suspend the permit. The notification shall include the effective  
915 date, the actions with completion dates necessary to lift the suspension, and the reasons for  
916 suspension.  
917

918 (d) If the permittee chooses not to comply with the terms of the suspension, the  
919 permittee shall request a hearing before the Environmental Quality Council under the provisions  
920

921 of Section 19, Permit Termination. In the event of such a hearing, the Environmental Quality  
922 Council shall have the option of recommending permit revocation.

923

924 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or contravene enforcement  
925 authority of the ~~e~~D Department pursuant to the Environmental Quality Act.

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927 **Section 19. Permit Revocation.**

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929 (a) A permit shall be revoked upon written request of the permittee and  
930 demonstration that the closure in accordance with Section 43 and any corrective action  
931 requirements in accordance with Section 45 of these regulations have been satisfactorily  
932 completed.

933

934 (b) A permit may be revoked by the ~~e~~D Director for:

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936 (i) Obtaining a permit by misrepresentation, failure fully to disclose all  
937 relevant facts, or false information submitted in the application.

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939 (ii) Changing site conditions that cannot be addressed by modifications to  
940 prevent violation of the Environmental Quality Act or applicable regulations.

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942 (iii) A pattern or history of violations of the permit or these regulations.

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944 (iv) Failure to comply with the terms of a permit suspension.

945

946 (v) Any other reason necessary to achieve compliance with applicable  
947 statutes, standards, or regulations.

948

949 (vi) The ~~e~~D Director shall notify the permittee of record by registered or certified  
950 mail of the ~~e~~D Department's intent to terminate the permit. The notification shall include the  
951 effective date and detailed requirements of the permit revocation, including:

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953 (A) The date that all animals must be removed from the facility.

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955 (B) The date that all animal waste must be removed from the facility.

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957 (C) The date that closure must begin. A closure plan shall be prepared  
958 and approved in accordance with Section 43 of these regulations before closure shall begin.

959

960 (vii) The revocation notice shall become final sixty (60) days from the date of  
961 receipt of notice unless within that time the operator requests a hearing before the Environmental  
962 Quality Council. Such a request shall be made in accordance with the Wyoming Department of  
963 Environmental Quality Rules of Practice and Procedure.

964

965 (viii) Failure to comply with the terms of the revocation notice, as modified by  
966 the contested case hearing if applicable, shall be cause for forfeiture of financial assurance.

967  
968 (ix) Financial assurance must be maintained by the permittee until the closure  
969 and any corrective actions necessary have been completed and approved by the ~~ad~~Division.  
970

971 **Section 20. Compliance with State and Local Water Quality Management Plans.** A  
972 management plan or permit shall not be approved for any facility that is in conflict with an  
973 approved water quality management plan, source water protection plan, or well head protection  
974 plan.  
975

976 **Section 21. Solid Waste Transfer, Treatment, Storage or Disposal.** Any solid waste  
977 transfer, treatment, storage or disposal facility, as defined in Chapter 1 of the Wyoming Solid  
978 Waste Rules and Regulations, ~~which~~ that is located within the boundaries of a confined swine  
979 feeding operation shall be permitted by the Water Quality Division under the authority of these  
980 regulations. Storage, treatment (incineration or composting), or disposal (burial) of dead swine is  
981 a regulated facility as defined in Chapter 1 of the Wyoming Solid Waste Rules and Regulations.  
982

983 (a) The permit application shall include solid waste management facilities  
984 constructed or operated as part of the confined swine feeding operation. The permit application  
985 shall address the requirements and standards described in Chapter 2 "Sanitary Landfill  
986 Regulations" or Chapter 6 "Transfer, Treatment and Storage Facility Regulations" of the  
987 Wyoming Solid Waste Rules and Regulations.  
988

989 (b) Financial assurance requirements associated with any solid waste management  
990 facility shall be addressed under the provisions of Section 50 of these regulations and calculated  
991 according to Solid and Hazardous Waste Division Chapter 2 "Sanitary Landfill Regulations",  
992 Chapter 6 "Transfer, Treatment and Storage Facility Regulations" and Chapter 7 "Financial  
993 Assurance Requirements."  
994

995 **Section 22. Relationship to Other Programs.**  
996

997 (a) The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division  
998 requires new sources of air emissions to obtain a permit. The disposal of dead swine by  
999 incineration is considered such a source.  
1000

1001 (b) The Wyoming State Engineer regulates the appropriation and use of water and the  
1002 safety of dams.  
1003

1004 (i) All water well construction requires a permit from the State Engineer.  
1005 Appropriate water rights must be granted by the State Engineer before the use or detention of  
1006 surface water.  
1007

1008 (ii) Lagoons with above ground berms or dikes may be subject to regulations  
1009 administered by the State Engineer governing safety of dams.  
1010

1011 (c) The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division  
1012 requires a storm water permit for construction activities including clearing, grading, and



1013 excavation activities that disturb a total land area as designated by the National Pollutant  
1014 Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Regulations.

1015  
1016 (d) Approval of a permit for a confined swine feeding operation does not relieve the  
1017 permittee of the responsibility to comply with any local requirements including land use, zoning,  
1018 or permitting requirements established by any local government.

1019  
1020 **Section 23. Permit Conditions.**

1021  
1022 (a) The permittee shall:

1023  
1024 (i) Conduct all construction and operation of a confined swine feeding  
1025 operation consistent with the management plan and the permit. Unauthorized changes,  
1026 deviations, or modifications are a violation of the permit. An amended application or request for  
1027 revision to an approved permit must be filed with the ~~a~~Administrator to obtain approval of a  
1028 modification. No modification shall be started until a modified management plan has been  
1029 approved pursuant to Section 17 of these regulations.

1030  
1031 (ii) Request authorization of the ~~a~~Administrator to use materials or procedures  
1032 different from those specified in the permit. A modification to a permit component may be  
1033 granted if materials cannot be obtained or procedures cannot be accomplished and alternative  
1034 materials or procedures meet the standards specified in these regulations. To prevent delaying  
1035 construction, the ~~a~~Administrator may grant a modification orally, upon oral request. A written  
1036 request for modification must be submitted within five (5) days. Failure to do so may result in  
1037 the ~~a~~Administrator revoking the oral modification.

1038  
1039 (iii) Conduct the operation according to statements, representations, and  
1040 procedures contained in the permit.

1041  
1042 (b) Routine maintenance and repair of the facilities that collect, convey, treat, or store  
1043 animal waste shall not require notification of the ~~e~~Division or modification of the permit.

1044  
1045 (c) The owner of the facility shall allow authorized representatives of the  
1046 ~~e~~Department, upon presentation of credentials, in compliance with the permittee's established,  
1047 printed biosecurity protocols, and at reasonable times to:

1048  
1049 (i) Enter upon the premises of the operation, land application areas, or  
1050 premises where records are kept as required by the permit.

1051  
1052 (ii) Read or copy any records required to be kept under the terms of the  
1053 permit.

1054  
1055 (iii) Inspect any facilities, equipment, and land application areas covered under  
1056 the permit.

1057  
1058 (iv) Sample any animal waste, wastewater, sludge, residuals, and by-products

1059 covered under the provisions of the permit. This includes soils of land application areas.

1060

1061 (d) A permit does not allow the permittee to violate any provision of the  
1062 Environmental Quality Act or any other applicable regulation.

1063 **PART B.**  
1064 **SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR SITING**  
1065

1066 **Section 24. Setbacks.** A confined swine feeding operation shall comply with W.S.  
1067 35-11-302 (a)(ix)(C). Swine confinement areas, animal waste storage facilities, or animal waste  
1068 treatment facilities shall not be within:

1069 (a) One (1) mile of an occupied dwelling without the written consent of the owner of  
1070 the house.  
1071

1072 (b) One (1) mile of a public or private school without the written consent of the  
1073 school's board of trustees or board of directors.  
1074

1075 (c) One (1) mile of the boundaries of any incorporated municipality without the  
1076 resolution and consent of the governing body of the municipality.  
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1078 (d) One-fourth ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) mile of a water well permitted for current domestic purposes  
1079 without the written consent of the owner of the well.  
1080

1081 (e) One-fourth ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) mile of a perennial stream unless it is proved to the ~~e~~Division that  
1082 potential adverse effects to the water quality of the stream can be avoided.  
1083

1084 **Section 25. Setback Determination.** The date for determining whether a permit  
1085 complies with setback requirements shall be fixed according to Section 13 (a).  
1086

1087 (a) Dwellings or schools may be constructed or municipal limits extended to closer  
1088 than one (1) mile of confined swine feeding operations. Entities intruding into the one (1) mile  
1089 setback zone after filing of the Notice of Intent shall be considered to have waived permanently  
1090 their rights to protection of the setback requirement with respect to that operation.  
1091

1092 (b) Permitted confined swine feeding operations shall have the right to operate and  
1093 modify their permits, including expansions, based on conditions as of the setback date fixed  
1094 according to Section 13 (a).  
1095

1096 (c) The one (1) mile setback is considered part of the odor management for a  
1097 confined swine feeding operation. Odor complaints from entities intruding into the fixed setback  
1098 zone shall be evaluated at a distance of one (1) mile from the nearest portion of the confined  
1099 swine feeding operation.  
1100

1101 **Section 26. Waivers.** The setback distances specified in these regulations may be  
1102 waived with the consent of the party benefitted by the setback distance.  
1103

1104 (a) A waiver granted by a private property owner becomes effective upon being  
1105 recorded with the county clerk of the county where the affected property is located. The waiver  
1106 shall reflect the full legal description of the proposed confined swine feeding operation site, the  
1107 full legal description of the property for which the waiver is granted and the signature of the  
1108

1109 owner of record as of that date. A certified copy of this recording shall be provided to the  
1110 ~~Division~~ as part of the permit application. If the proposed confined swine feeding operation site  
1111 is in a different county than the affected property, the waiver shall also be filed in the county  
1112 where the proposed confined swine feeding operation site is located.  
1113

1114 (b) Public schools and incorporated municipalities shall approve a waiver of setback  
1115 requirements by action of the governing body. A certified copy of the final action approving the  
1116 waiver shall be included with the application.

1117 **PART C.**  
1118 **DESIGN AND OPERATION STANDARDS**  
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1120 **Section 27. Purpose of Design and Operation Standards.** The purpose of these  
1121 designs and operation standards is to ensure that the design, construction, and operation of  
1122 confined swine feeding operations and any associated facilities capable of causing or  
1123 contributing to pollution comply with the Environmental Quality Act.  
1124

1125 **Section 28. General.** This part contains the minimum standards for the design,  
1126 construction, and operation of a confined swine feeding operation. The applicant shall  
1127 demonstrate to the ~~a~~Administrator that there shall be no surface discharge and that any  
1128 subsurface discharges from the confined swine feeding operation or animal waste management  
1129 activities shall not cause a violation of standards for ~~g~~Groundwaters of the ~~s~~State as established  
1130 by Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations, Chapter 8, Quality Standards for Wyoming  
1131 Groundwaters.  
1132

1133 **Section 29. Groundwater Protection.**  
1134

1135 (a) The design of a confined swine feeding operation shall demonstrate protection of  
1136 ~~g~~Groundwaters of the ~~s~~State in compliance with Chapter 3, Section ~~15~~ 17 of the Wyoming Water  
1137 Quality Division Rules and Regulations.  
1138

1139 (b) These regulations provide minimum design requirements designated to prevent a  
1140 threat of discharge to groundwater in accordance with Chapter 3, Section ~~15~~ 17 (a). Alternate  
1141 designs may be approved if justified by a complete subsurface investigation in accordance with  
1142 the provisions of Chapter 3, Section ~~15~~ 17 (b).  
1143

1144 **Section 30. Surface Water Protection.** A confined swine feeding operation shall not  
1145 allow any animal waste to enter the ~~s~~Surface ~~w~~Waters of the ~~s~~State.  
1146

1147 (a) All animal confinement areas, animal waste collection, waste storage, and animal  
1148 waste treatment areas shall either be constructed above the 100-year/24-hour floodplain or  
1149 protected by diversion channels and dikes from the 100-year/24-hour flood.  
1150

1151 (b) All animal waste storage and animal waste collection structures shall be operated  
1152 with sufficient freeboard to always contain the maximum probable precipitation event safely.  
1153

1154 **Section 31. Approval of Alternative Technology and Designs.**  
1155

1156 (a) Each application for a permit for a confined swine feeding operation under  
1157 this section shall be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and compared to best available  
1158 technology. The following information, if available, shall be included with the application:  
1159

1160 (i) Data obtained from a full scale, comparable installation that demonstrates  
1161 the acceptability of the design.  
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1163 (ii) Data obtained from a pilot plant operated under the design condition for a  
1164 sufficient length of time to demonstrate the acceptability of the design.

1165  
1166 (iii) Data obtained from a theoretical evaluation of the design that  
1167 demonstrates a reasonable probability of the facility meeting the design objectives.

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1169 (iv) An evaluation of the flexibility of making corrective changes to a  
1170 constructed facility that does not function as planned.

1171  
1172 (v) An evaluation of the risk and potential costs of failure of the proposed  
1173 facility or technology. The financial assurance plan must reflect this evaluation. The  
1174 ~~a~~Administrator may choose to increase or decrease the corrective action bond amount  
1175 determined under Section 49 based on this evaluation.

1176  
1177 (b) A pilot plant may be constructed to provide the data necessary to satisfy these  
1178 regulations. A separate permit to construct for the pilot plant shall be obtained under the  
1179 provisions of Chapter 3 of the Wyoming Water Quality Division Rules and Regulations.

1180  
1181 **Section 32. Domestic Wastes at Confined Swine Feeding Operations.** No human or  
1182 domestic wastes shall be allowed to mix with the animal waste collection, storage, treatment, and  
1183 disposal operations at a confined swine feeding operation. Separate domestic waste collection  
1184 and treatment facilities shall be constructed and maintained. Such domestic waste facilities shall  
1185 be permitted under Chapter 3 and designed according to Chapter 25 of the Wyoming Water  
1186 Quality Division Rules and Regulations or by the appropriate local agency delegated permitting  
1187 authority for small wastewater systems.

1188  
1189 **Section 33. Animal Waste Collection Systems.** The design and construction of  
1190 animal waste and wastewater collection systems for confined swine feeding operations shall  
1191 meet the following minimum standards:

1192  
1193 (a) Gutters and trenches that do not have a constant hydraulic head against the joints  
1194 or the structure, such as those designed to be free draining and are frequently flushed or scraped,  
1195 shall have a watertight design.

1196  
1197 (i) Construction shall be of air entrained concrete with a 28-day compressive  
1198 strength of 4000 psi or better. The minimum thickness of any section shall be four (4) inches. All  
1199 joints shall be keyed construction and sealed with a high quality elastomeric caulk. Any other  
1200 materials proposed for gutter construction shall be evaluated under the provisions of Section 31  
1201 of these regulations.

1202  
1203 (ii) Flushing gutters shall have a minimum grade of 0.4 percent.

1204  
1205 (iii) Gutters shall be flushed at least every 12 hours or scraped once each 48  
1206 hours. Each gutter shall be inspected weekly and any build ups removed or freed using manual  
1207 scraping or pressure washers.

1209 (iv) Gutters shall be cleaned and visually inspected at least annually for water  
1210 tightness. Any probable leaks shall be repaired immediately.

1211  
1212 (b) Gutters and trenches that normally retain manure and flush water and are subject  
1213 to a constant hydraulic head shall be described as pull plug gutters. Any waste containment  
1214 structures normally subject to hydraulic head, including pull plug gutters, shall have secondary  
1215 containment with a leak collection and recovery system.

1216  
1217 (i) Construction shall be of air entrained concrete with a 28-day compressive  
1218 strength of 4000 psi or better. The minimum thickness of any section shall be four (4) inches. All  
1219 joints shall be keyed construction and sealed with a high quality elastomeric caulk. All expansion  
1220 joints shall have bulb type water stops. Any other materials proposed for gutter construction will  
1221 be evaluated under the provisions of Section 31.

1222  
1223 (ii) The secondary containment shall consist of a geomembrane at least 20  
1224 mils thick installed by the manufacturer's recommendations, a geosynthetic clay liner or a  
1225 compacted clay liner at least one foot thick with a permeability of  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  cm/sec or less.  
1226 Compacted clay liners shall be constructed, tested, and certified in accordance with the provision  
1227 of Section 35 (d)(i)(A). The secondary containment shall be graded to the recovery system with a  
1228 minimum grade of 0.4 percent.

1229  
1230 (iii) The secondary containment surfaces shall drain by gravity into the  
1231 recovery system. The recovery pump shall have a totalizing hour meter and a high level alarm.

1232  
1233 (A) The amount of the liquids being recovered from the secondary  
1234 containment surface shall be determined and recorded on a weekly basis. If the calculation of  
1235 liquids recovered exceeds sixty (60) gallons/week/thousand square feet of confinement building,  
1236 repair of the gutters and trenches must be completed within six (6) months. The permittee shall  
1237 report any exceedance of this rate to the ~~e~~D~~i~~vision within seven (7) days.

1238  
1239 (B) If the high level alarm is activated or the recovery rate exceeds 120  
1240 gallons/week/thousand square feet of confinement building the gutters must be drained  
1241 immediately and operated as free draining, daily flush type gutters until repairs are made. The  
1242 permittee shall report any exceedance of this rate to the ~~e~~D~~i~~vision within 48 hours.

1243  
1244 (iv) Pull plug gutters shall be charged to a minimum depth of six (6) inches  
1245 with fresh or recycled water before receiving animal wastes.

1246  
1247 (v) A minimum clearance of six (6) inches must be maintained between the  
1248 top of the animal waste and the bottom of the trench cover.

1249  
1250 (vi) Pull plug gutters shall be drained and recharged at least every fourteen  
1251 (14) days.

1252  
1253 (c) Collection lines convey animal waste and flush water from the gutters and  
1254 trenches to treatment or storage facilities. This section contains the minimum standards for the

1255 design and construction of animal waste piping and transfer systems.

1256

1257 (i) Collection lines shall be designed to accommodate the maximum  
1258 instantaneous flows. If storm water is collected and introduced to the animal waste treatment or  
1259 storage facilities, the design of the collection system and the treatment or storage system shall be  
1260 adequate to accommodate the maximum instantaneous and annual precipitation rates.

1261

1262 (ii) Collection line layouts shall allow isolation of individual lines for testing  
1263 and cleaning.

1264

1265 (iii) Pipe materials shall resist acid and alkaline solutions, organic solvents,  
1266 and other animal waste constituents and environmental conditions encountered.

1267

1268 (iv) Pipe materials shall be chosen and the pipeline shall be designed to  
1269 withstand all trench and superimposed surface live loads with a minimum factor of safety. Rigid  
1270 pipes shall have a minimum factor of safety of 1.5, and flexible pipes shall have a minimum  
1271 factor of safety of 1.25.

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1273 (v) Piping shall be tested for integrity after all trenches are backfilled. The  
1274 testing results shall be certified by a Wyoming licensed engineer. Leakage tests shall be  
1275 infiltration, exfiltration, or air tests. All flexible piping shall be tested for deflection. Deflection  
1276 tests shall be made with a mandrel or other technology producing comparable data.

1277

1278 (A) Infiltration or exfiltration shall not exceed a maximum of 200  
1279 gallons per inch diameter per mile per day (1200 liters/cm/km/day) with a minimum of two (2)  
1280 feet (0.6 m) of head over the top of the pipe.

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1282 (B) Air tests shall conform to ASTM C-828-80.

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1284 (C) A maximum five (5) percent deflection after flexible pipe is  
1285 backfilled for thirty (30) days is allowed. A mandrel of 95 percent of pipe diameter shall be used.  
1286 No mechanical pulling of a mandrel is permitted.

1287

1288 (vi) Potable water shall be protected according to the AWWA Manual M14,  
1289 which addresses cross-connection control.

1290

1291 (vii) If animal waste or waste water is pumped, the pumping station shall be  
1292 designed if possible so that failure shall not result in any release. If such design is not possible, a  
1293 redundant, fail safe design of the pumping station shall be required.

1294

1295 (d) Gravity drained lines shall be tested at least every five (5) years for leakage  
1296 according to Section 33 (c)(v) of these regulations. Test results shall be included in the annual  
1297 report. Lines failing the leakage test shall be repaired within thirty (30) days. After repair, the  
1298 integrity of the line must be verified by retesting.

1299

1300 (e) Pressure lines shall be tested annually for leakage according to Section 33



1301 (c)(v)(A). Test results shall be included in the annual report. Lines failing the leakage test shall  
1302 be removed from service and repaired immediately. After repair, the integrity of the line must be  
1303 verified by retesting.

1304

1305 **Section 34. Animal Waste Storage Facilities.** The design and construction of animal  
1306 waste storage facilities for confined swine feeding operations shall meet the following minimum  
1307 standards:

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1309 (a) Animal waste storage structures shall be required to have secondary containment  
1310 and liquid recovery systems incorporated because they are subject to a constant hydraulic head.

1311

1312 (b) A total minimum animal waste storage capacity equal to nine (9) months waste  
1313 production shall be provided to allow for the limited periods when manure slurries may be land  
1314 applied.

1315

1316 (c) The design of the operational unit shall permit any animal waste storage structure  
1317 to be removed completely from service for repair without significant impact to the feeding  
1318 operation.

1319

1320 (d) Concrete construction shall conform to recommendations of the “Concrete  
1321 Manure Storage Handbook,” MWPS-36 dated 1994, or later version as adopted by division  
1322 policy, published by the MidWest Plan Service and available from the land grant universities of  
1323 the North Central Region.

1324

1325 (e) Structures interior to or beneath swine housing facilities constructed of concrete,  
1326 shall meet the following requirements: (Construction of other materials shall be addressed  
1327 pursuant to Section 31 of these regulations.)

1328

1329 (i) Construction shall be of air entrained concrete with a 28-day compressive  
1330 strength of 4000 psi or better. All joints shall be keyed construction and sealed with a high  
1331 quality elastomeric caulk. All expansion joints shall have bulb type water stops.

1332

1333 (ii) The secondary containment shall consist of a geomembrane liner at least  
1334 30 mils thick installed according to the manufacturer’s recommendations, a geosynthetic clay  
1335 liner, or a compacted clay liner at least one (1) foot thick with a permeability of  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  cm/sec  
1336 or less. Compacted clay liners shall be constructed, tested, and certified in accordance with the  
1337 provision of Section 35 (d)(i)(A). The secondary containment shall be graded to the recovery  
1338 system with a minimum grade of 0.4 percent.

1339

1340 (A) The secondary containment surfaces shall drain by gravity into the  
1341 recovery system. The recovery pump shall have a totalizing hour meter and a high level alarm.

1342

1343 (B) The amount of the liquids being recovered from the secondary  
1344 containment surface shall be determined and recorded on a weekly basis. If the calculation of  
1345 liquids recovered exceeds sixty (60) gallons/week/thousand square feet of confinement building,  
1346 repair of the storage tank or pit must be completed within six (6) months. The permittee shall

1347 report any rate greater than this to the ~~e~~Division within seven (7) days.

1348  
1349 (C) If the recovery rate exceeds 120 gallons/week/thousand square feet  
1350 of confinement building, the storage facility must be emptied within sixty (60) days and repairs  
1351 made. The permittee shall report any rate greater than this to the ~~e~~Division within 48 hours.

1352  
1353 (D) If the high alarm level is reached, the ~~e~~Division must be notified  
1354 immediately. The storage tank must be emptied immediately.

1355  
1356 (iii) Animal waste shall not be allowed to accumulate to within one (1) foot of  
1357 the bottom of the floor slats.

1358  
1359 (iv) Interior or under floor animal waste storage facilities shall be  
1360 mechanically ventilated. If the exhaust gas from this mechanical ventilation is determined to be a  
1361 source of problem odors, treatment of the exhaust gas shall be required. A positive odor control  
1362 technology resulting in either the adsorption or destruction of the odor causing gases shall be  
1363 installed.

1364  
1365 (f) Above grade structures are subject to the following requirements:

1366  
1367 (i) Above grade structures shall be surrounded with a containment dike  
1368 designed to hold a minimum of 1.5 times the tank volume.

1369  
1370 (ii) Secondary containment shall be designed and operated pursuant to Section  
1371 34 (e)(ii) of these regulations.

1372  
1373 (iii) A floating cover shall be maintained on uncovered above ground  
1374 structures. Other BAT may be employed or required instead of a floating cover.

1375  
1376 (g) Below grade external structures shall be either concrete or lined earthen storage  
1377 basins.

1378  
1379 (i) Concrete structures and secondary containment systems shall be designed  
1380 according to this section.

1381  
1382 (ii) Lined earthen storage basins shall be designed according to Section 35 (c)  
1383 and (d) of these regulations.

1384  
1385 (A) Only earthen basins with geomembrane liners and secondary  
1386 containment shall be allowed. The geomembrane liner shall be a minimum of 60 mils thick and  
1387 installed according to the manufacturer's instructions.

1388  
1389 (B) The engineering design report must show the animal waste  
1390 removal operations shall not damage the integrity of the liner.

1391  
1392 (iii) A floating cover shall be maintained on uncovered below grade external

1393 structures. Other BAT may be employed or required instead of a floating cover.

1394

1395 **Section 35. Animal Waste Treatment Facilities.** The construction and operation of  
1396 solids separators and liquid animal waste treatment lagoons shall meet the following minimum  
1397 standards. Methane generation, composting, and other treatment systems are encouraged.  
1398 Permitting of such systems shall be reviewed under provisions of Section 31 of these regulations.  
1399 When considering alternate technology, primary emphasis shall be given to environmental  
1400 protection, improved odor management, and pathogen control. The appropriate MidWest Plan  
1401 Service publications are the preferred basis for alternative designs.

1402

1403 (a) Solids separation techniques may be used to remove solids from the animal waste.  
1404 To be considered separated solid manure, the solids content must be greater than ten (10) percent  
1405 by weight and the resultant mass must pass the paint filter test, i.e., when the mass is placed in a  
1406 paint filter no liquid shall drain through the filter.

1407

1408 (i) Separated solids shall be stored on a water tight paved surface:

1409

1410 (A) The storage area shall be sloped to a gutter that drains to the liquid  
1411 animal waste treatment facility.

1412

1413 (B) The storage area shall not receive precipitation runoff from other  
1414 areas of the facility.

1415

1416 (C) The storage floor or pavement shall have adequate structural  
1417 integrity for the equipment used to load or remove the solids.

1418

1419 (ii) Operation of the solids separator and solids storage area shall follow the  
1420 odor, dust, and vector control procedures required by Sections 40, 41, and 42 of these  
1421 regulations.

1422

1423 (A) All solids shall be removed from the storage area and the area  
1424 cleaned within thirty (30) days after the spring thaw each year.

1425

1426 (B) Pesticides and rodenticides shall be employed as necessary to  
1427 control rodents or insects breeding or feeding on the solids. The vector control agents used shall  
1428 not leave any residuals in or on the solid animal waste.

1429

1430 (iii) The solids storage area shall be large enough to hold six (6) months'  
1431 production of animal wastes unless the management plan demonstrates the ability to use the  
1432 animal wastes in a more timely fashion.

1433

1434 (b) Wastewater treatment lagoons receiving liquid animal wastes diluted with water  
1435 to a solids content of five (5) percent or less by weight shall be sized and constructed according  
1436 to this section and one of the following references, USDA Part 651 Agricultural Waste  
1437 Management Field Handbook, MWPS-8 Swine Housing and Equipment Handbook, or  
1438 MWPS-18 Livestock Waste Facilities Handbook, or later version as adopted by division policy.

1439 The design report shall reflect which reference is used as the basis of design. Lagoons receiving  
1440 dilute liquid wastes as defined in Section 3 (m) may be designed as single cell compacted clay  
1441 lined structures. Lagoons receiving animal wastes other than dilute liquid wastes shall be  
1442 designed with a minimum of two (2) cells with the capability to continue confined swine feeding  
1443 operations with one (1) cell removed from service for maintenance or repair.  
1444

1445 (c) Earthwork standards.  
1446

1447 (i) Soils used in constructing the lagoon bottom and dike cores (not including  
1448 the liner) shall be relatively incompressible, have low permeability, and be free from organic  
1449 material or trash. The soil shall be compacted at a water content that shall ensure structural  
1450 stability, reduce hydraulic seepage, and reduce settling. The soil shall provide an adequate  
1451 foundation for the liner, if used.  
1452

1453 (ii) For lagoons that are not specified to receive a geomembrane liner, no  
1454 rocks larger than six (6) inches in length shall be permitted in any of the designated embank-  
1455 ment.  
1456

1457 (iii) For lagoons specified to be lined with a geomembrane liner, rocks larger  
1458 than six (6) inches in length shall not be placed within five (5) feet of the interior slope of any  
1459 lagoon embankment. Material containing by volume less than 25 percent of rock larger than six  
1460 (6) inches and less than 12 inches in length may be placed in the remainder of the embankment.  
1461

1462 (iv) Outer dike slopes shall not be steeper than one (1) vertical to three (3)  
1463 horizontal. Flatter slopes may be required to maintain slope stability. Outer dike slopes shall  
1464 prevent surface runoff from entering the lagoons.  
1465

1466 (v) Inner dike slopes shall be sloped between one (1) vertical to four (4)  
1467 horizontal and one (1) vertical to three (3) horizontal. Flatter inner slopes may be allowed where  
1468 vegetation, due to the shallower slopes, shall not interfere with treatment or the dike's integrity.  
1469 Interior slopes surfaced with concrete paving or riprap may be constructed at slopes of one (1)  
1470 vertical to two (2) horizontal.  
1471

1472 (vi) The minimum top dike width shall be 12 feet to allow access to  
1473 maintenance vehicles. Top dikes wider than 12 feet shall be required when necessary to ~~assure~~  
1474 ensure structural stability.  
1475

1476 (vii) The minimum freeboard at the maximum operating level shall be three (3)  
1477 feet.  
1478

1479 (viii) Interior embankments shall be protected from wave action with riprap,  
1480 paving, or other erosion resistant material. The following conditions may be exempted from the  
1481 riprap requirements:  
1482

1483 (A) Lagoons of one (1) surface acre or less.  
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- 1485 (B) Lagoons with a geomembrane liner.  
1486  
1487 (C) Embankments cut into natural slopes when a soil liner is not  
1488 provided.  
1489  
1490 (D) Lagoons sheltered from wind or where wind velocities are low  
1491 enough that significant erosion shall not occur.  
1492  
1493 (ix) Exterior of dikes, top of dikes, and all interior dike surfaces where riprap  
1494 or a seal is not provided shall be covered with topsoil and seeded with suitable dry land grasses  
1495 to prevent erosion. A coarse uniform graded gravel may be substituted for the vegetation  
1496 requirement.  
1497  
1498 (x) The seepage through the lagoon bottom and side walls shall not cause a  
1499 violation of the groundwater standards as described in Chapter 8, Quality Standards for  
1500 Wyoming Groundwaters, Water Quality Division Rules and Regulations.  
1501  
1502 (d) The allowable permeability of a compacted clay liner shall be based on the type of  
1503 lagoon construction and the type of liquid animal waste contained in the lagoon.  
1504  
1505 (i) The specifications for compacted clay liners shall be based upon the  
1506 results of a preliminary testing program and shall contain the type of material, optimum and  
1507 acceptable range in water content, acceptable range for compaction, and maximum allowable  
1508 particle size. Compacted clay liners used to protect groundwater quality shall meet the following  
1509 criteria:  
1510  
1511 (A) The tests for water content and density shall be taken during the  
1512 placement of each lift of the liner. A total minimum liner thickness of one (1) foot shall be  
1513 provided and shall be constructed with maximum lifts of one-half (0.5) foot. Either permeability  
1514 testing of undisturbed core samples from the in-place seal, or detailed tests such as particle size  
1515 distribution and Atterburg limits shall be conducted. Detailed tests should confirm that the soil  
1516 specified was used for liner construction. One (1) test shall be conducted per acre per lift. For  
1517 core sampling of the in-place liner, one (1) core of the completed liner shall be tested per acre.  
1518 The permittee shall provide the ~~e~~Division written certification by a Wyoming registered  
1519 professional engineer that the soil liner was constructed according to the permit and that final  
1520 testing indicated results within the allowable limits established by the permit.  
1521  
1522 (B) For compacted clay liners, a method of maintaining the seal at or  
1523 above optimum moisture conditions is required.  
1524  
1525 (ii) Unlined lagoons or lagoons using compacted clay liners as the primary  
1526 liner shall require a subsurface investigation and monitoring plan according to the provisions of  
1527 Chapter 3, Section ~~15~~ 17 (b), (c), and (d).  
1528  
1529 (A) Lagoons receiving dilute liquid wastes may be designed as a single  
1530 cell system. Dilute liquid waste systems shall not have a combined evaporation and exfiltration

1531 rate that exceeds 25 percent of the minimum daily inflow from operations.

1532

1533 (B) Multiple cell lagoons shall not have a combined evaporation and  
1534 exfiltration rate that interferes with the treatment processes occurring in the lagoons.

1535

1536 (iii) Control of the exfiltration from lagoons may be provided by a cone of  
1537 depression. The cone of depression created by the withdrawal of groundwater to provide water  
1538 for the operation must be adequate to intercept all leachate from the lagoon. Water rights for the  
1539 pumping necessary to create the cone of depression must be adjudicated before the issuance of a  
1540 permit for a confined swine feeding operation using this method of animal waste treatment.

1541

1542 (e) Geosynthetic clay liners installed according to the manufacturer's instructions are  
1543 acceptable. Geosynthetic clay liners shall have a maximum hydraulic conductivity of  $1 \times 10^{-8}$   
1544 cm/sec. The liner manufacturer shall have more than ten million square feet of its product  
1545 installed. The liner installation contractor shall be approved by the manufacturer. Geosynthetic  
1546 clay liners used as primary liners require:

1547

1548 (i) Surface erosion and abrasion protection provided shall be acceptable to the  
1549 liner manufacturer. The factor of safety for slope failure of the composite liner shall be shown to  
1550 be at least 1.5:1. Primary geosynthetic clay liners shall be installed over a compacted clay liner.  
1551 The compacted clay liner shall have a minimum thickness of one (1) foot and a maximum  
1552 permeability of  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  cm/sec. Compacted clay liners shall be constructed, tested, and certified  
1553 in accordance with the provision of Section 35 (d)(i)(A). This type of construction shall satisfy  
1554 the requirements for a subsurface investigation as required by the provisions of Chapter 3,  
1555 Section ~~15~~ 17 (b). A monitoring system installed according to the provisions of Chapter 3,  
1556 Section ~~15~~ 17 (b) shall be required.

1557

1558 (ii) Geosynthetic clay liners may be used as secondary liners. Overlying  
1559 leachate collections systems shall be sand blankets at least four (4) inches in thickness. Synthetic  
1560 drainage media shall not be used with geosynthetic clay liners.

1561

1562 (f) Geomembrane liners constructed of polyvinyl chloride or polypropylene shall be  
1563 at least 30 mils in thickness. High density polyethylene liners shall be at least 60 mils in  
1564 thickness. The liner manufacturer shall have more than ten million square feet of its product  
1565 installed. Geomembrane liners installed and operated according to this section shall satisfy the  
1566 requirements for a subsurface investigation and monitoring as required by the provisions of  
1567 Chapter 3, Section ~~15~~ 17 (b).

1568

1569 (i) Secondary containment shall be required for all geomembrane liners. The  
1570 secondary containment shall be one of the following:

1571

1572 (A) A compacted clay liner with a maximum permeability of  $1 \times 10^{-6}$   
1573 cm/sec.

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1575 (B) A geosynthetic clay liner.

1576

1577 (C) A geomembrane liner with a minimum thickness of 20 mils backed  
1578 by a compacted clay liner one (1) foot thick with a maximum permeability of  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  cm/sec.  
1579

1580 (D) Compacted clay liners shall be constructed, tested, and certified in  
1581 accordance with the provision of Section 35 (d)(i)(A).  
1582

1583 (ii) Geomembrane liners require a secondary containment system.  
1584

1585 (A) The drainage layer between the primary and secondary liners shall  
1586 have a minimum hydraulic transmissivity of one (1) gpm/foot. Synthetic drainage media may be  
1587 used when the secondary liner is a geomembrane. All other construction shall require a durable  
1588 granular filter blanket with a minimum thickness of four (4) inches. The drainage layer shall  
1589 have a minimum grade of 0.4 percent.  
1590

1591 (B) Perforated or slotted collection lines shall be installed in the  
1592 drainage layer arranged to create sub-cells with a maximum area of two (2) acres or less. A  
1593 means of monitoring the collection system to isolate a leak to an individual sub-cell shall be  
1594 provided. No portion of the drainage layer should be more than 100 feet from a collection line.  
1595

1596 (C) The collection lines shall drain to a sump enclosed by the  
1597 secondary liner. The sump shall be designed so that the maximum high liquid level during  
1598 operating conditions is below the invert of any collection line discharging to the sump. The sump  
1599 shall be large enough to allow the pump installed to operate with a minimum pumping time of  
1600 two (2) minutes between the automatic start and stop levels. A high level alarm shall be installed.  
1601

1602 (D) The recovery pump in the sump shall be self-priming and capable  
1603 of pumping a volume at least four (4) times the failure rate of flow designated in the permit for  
1604 the lagoon. The pump shall have a totalizing hour meter that records total time of operation.  
1605

1606 (E) Monitoring requirements are as follows:  
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1608 (I) High level alarms shall be continuously monitored.  
1609

1610 (II) The totalizing hour meters shall be read at least weekly. If  
1611 the calculated recovery rate exceeds the allowable for the smallest sub-cell, the inflow from each  
1612 sub-cell must be measured to determine individual sub-cell compliance.  
1613

1614 (F) Reporting and required repair actions are as follows:  
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1616 (I) If the recovery rate exceeds 400 gpd/acre for any sub-cell  
1617 as delineated by the recovery system, the permittee shall notify the ~~e~~Division within seven (7)  
1618 days. Repair of the primary liner must be scheduled within twelve (12) months.  
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1620 (II) If the recovery rate exceeds 800 gpd/acre for any sub-cell  
1621 as delineated by the recovery system, the ~~e~~Division shall be notified within 48 hours. Repair of  
1622 the primary liner must be scheduled within sixty (60) days.

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(III) If the high alarm level is reached, the ~~e~~Division must be notified immediately. Repairs must be initiated immediately.



1626 **PART D.**  
1627 **ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT**  
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1629  
1630 **Section 36. Application Controls.** The animal waste management plan is part  
1631 of the permit for a confined swine feeding operation and shall address storage, treatment, and  
1632 land application of all animal waste produced at the feeding operation including liquid animal  
1633 waste, manure slurry, solid manure, and sludge. The animal waste management plan shall  
1634 demonstrate the use of best available technology (BAT) to control odors for all aspects of the  
1635 operation. The use of animal waste generated by a confined swine feeding operation including  
1636 liquid animal waste, manure slurry, solid manure, and sludge shall meet the following minimum  
1637 standards:

1638  
1639 (a) Animal waste that is land applied shall be applied at such rates and in a manner  
1640 to prevent surface and groundwater contamination.

1641  
1642 (b) Animal waste shall not be applied at a rate or in any manner that shall allow any  
1643 surface runoff from the application site.

1644  
1645 (c) Buffer zones shall be established for land application areas. Buffer zone  
1646 requirements for land application are independent of the setback requirements as set forth in  
1647 Sections 24, 25 and 26. In conjunction with other measures required by these regulations, buffer  
1648 zones help provide pathogen and odor management.

1649  
1650 (d) Animal waste applied at agronomic rates is exempt from the requirements of  
1651 Chapter 3, Section ~~15~~ 17, Wyoming Water Quality Division Rules and Regulations.

1652  
1653 (e) The method for determining the required land treatment area for application of  
1654 animal wastes shall be based upon the determination of the “agronomic rate” of the crops or  
1655 vegetation present on the site. The application rate for animal waste constituents shall be limited  
1656 to appropriate plant uptake values to protect surface and groundwater. The ratio used for this  
1657 determination is expressed as:

1658  
1659 Required Land Treatment Area = L/U

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1661 Where:

1662  
1663 L= the yearly amount of the controlling constituent to be applied for land treatment. L is  
1664 expressed in kilograms per year (kg/yr) or pounds per year (lbs/yr).

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1666 U= plant assimilative capacity = the yearly amount of the controlling constituent that can  
1667 be assimilated by plant uptake. U is expressed in kilograms per hectare per year (kg/ha/yr) or  
1668 pounds per acre per year (lbs/ac/yr).

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1670 (f) The following list of constituents shall be evaluated by the permittee to determine  
1671 the controlling constituents. The method of selecting the controlling constituents shall be

1672 documented in the permit applications.

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1674 (i) Organics.

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1676 (ii) Nitrogen.

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1678 (iii) Phosphorus.

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1680 (iv) Metals.

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1682 (v) Salts, acids, and bases.

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1684 (g) The initial selection of the constituents of concern shall be made by the permittee  
1685 by estimating chemical make up of animal wastes based on published data or data available from  
1686 similar operations and by sampling soils at proposed application sites. The constituents of  
1687 concern selected once land application begins shall be derived from analyses of representative  
1688 animal waste product samples and soil samples from the application sites.

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1690 (h) The permittee shall maintain records to demonstrate compliance with the animal  
1691 waste management plan and monitoring and reporting requirements as specified:

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1693 (i) Animal waste management plans shall be reviewed annually by the  
1694 permittee and updated as necessary to reflect changes in procedures and management. Permittees  
1695 shall notify the ~~e~~Division of any changes or updates to the plan and submit changes and updates  
1696 for review and approval. A representative sample of the animal waste to be land applied shall be  
1697 collected not more than thirty (30) days before every land application event. The permit shall  
1698 identify the required sampling parameters. After a sufficient number of samples have been  
1699 collected and analyzed, the ~~a~~Administrator may adjust the frequency of sampling or the  
1700 parameters analyzed.

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1702 (ii) The soils at each application site shall be sampled and analyzed at least  
1703 annually before application of the animal waste. The analysis shall include the controlling  
1704 constituents and phosphorus, potassium, nitrogen, copper, and zinc. The soil samples shall be  
1705 taken at a minimum rate of one (1) for each ten (10) acres, or as required by variations in soil  
1706 type. If the soil type is the same on adjacent ten (10) acre tracts, the samples from up to 40 acres  
1707 may be composited for a single analysis. Soil samples shall be taken in the root zone and below  
1708 the root zone before repeated seasons of application of animal waste.

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1710 (iii) Written records shall be kept of all animal waste applied to the land.

1711 Records shall include:

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1713 (A) Date of application.

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1715 (B) Amount of animal waste applied.

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1717 (C) Identification of the application sites.

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1719 (D) Acreage of application sites.  
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1721 (E) Method of application.  
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1723 (F) Application rate.  
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1725 (G) Crop or vegetation on the application sites.  
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1727 (H) Plant assimilative capacity for controlling constituents.  
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1729 (I) Concentration of controlling constituents in the animal waste.  
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1731 (J) Amount of controlling constituents of concern applied to the site  
1732 and soil samples to monitor controlling constituents of concern in the soil.  
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1734 (iv) All records shall be kept at the facility and made available to a  
1735 representative of the ~~e~~Division upon request. All records shall be compiled in a format identified  
1736 in the permit and shall be included in a report submitted to the ~~e~~Division annually.  
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1738 (v) The permittee is required to provide immediate oral notification and  
1739 follow-up written notification to the ~~e~~Division of any violations or non-compliance with the  
1740 terms and conditions of the permit including the animal waste management plan.  
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1742 **Section 37. Liquid Animal Wastes.**  
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1744 (a) Site requirements:  
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1746 (i) Liquid animal waste may be applied by center pivot sprinkler on slopes  
1747 with a grades of up to ten (10) percent. Overland flow irrigation systems shall not be developed  
1748 to spread liquid animal wastes on sites having greater than one (1) percent slope or less than 0.4  
1749 percent slope.  
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1751 (ii) The minimum depth of unsaturated soil strata on which a land application  
1752 system may be developed is four (4) feet.  
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1754 (iii) All land application sites shall be protected from up slope runoff by  
1755 diversion ditches capable of intercepting the overland flow from a 25-year 24-hour storm event.  
1756 Diversion ditches are not required if it can be shown that a storm of this size will not have an  
1757 impact on the site.  
1758

1759 (b) Pretreatment of liquid animal waste shall provide sufficient organic and inorganic  
1760 solids reduction to ensure that the infiltration rate of the soil surface is maintained.  
1761

1762 (c) Pathogen controls.  
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- 1764 (i) Spray irrigation application shall not leave the property used as the land  
1765 application site.  
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- 1767 (ii) Surface runoff containing animal wastes shall not leave the application  
1768 site.  
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- 1770 (iii) Liquid animal wastes shall be only applied to lands with a low potential  
1771 for public access.  
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- 1773 (iv) Public access to all application sites shall be restricted by signing at points  
1774 of potential public access. The access restriction shall apply one (1) year after the application of  
1775 liquid animal wastes.  
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- 1777 (v) Crops shall not be harvested during the seven (7) days after the application  
1778 of liquid animal wastes.  
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- 1780 (vi) Direct human consumption crops, which are consumed fresh, shall not be  
1781 harvested during the ninety (90) days after the application of liquid animal wastes.  
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- 1783 (vii) Turf grass or sod grown on land where liquid animal wastes are applied  
1784 shall not be harvested for one (1) year after application of liquid animal wastes.  
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- 1786 (d) Buffer zone.
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- 1788 (i) A buffer zone of one-fourth (¼) mile is required between a land  
1789 application site and any building with human occupancy or area of public use, not including  
1790 public roadways.  
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- 1792 (ii) Liquid animal waste shall not leave the property where it is applied.  
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- 1794 (iii) Liquid animal waste shall not be land applied within 200 feet of a  
1795 perennial, intermittent, or ephemeral water body or water well permitted for current domestic  
1796 purposes.  
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- 1798 (e) Method of application.
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- 1800 (i) Liquid animal waste shall be evenly distributed over application sites at a  
1801 rate that shall not exceed the agronomic rate and at a rate that shall not result in any surface  
1802 runoff from the site.  
1803
- 1804 (ii) Land application of liquid animal waste shall not be undertaken when soil  
1805 is saturated, frozen, or covered with ice or snow or immediately before or during a storm event.  
1806
- 1807 (iii) Surface application by means other than center pivot irrigation may be  
1808 used when the land slope is no more than five (5) percent or when the yearly average soil loss is  
1809 less than five (5) tons per acre as determined by the Universal Soil Loss Equation. Injection or

1810 surface application with immediate incorporation shall be used when the land slope exceeds five  
1811 (5) percent and the yearly soil loss is greater than five (5) tons per acre as determined by the  
1812 Universal Soil Loss Equation.

1813  
1814 (iv) Sprinkler type land application systems shall be equipped with a backflow  
1815 prevention device to protect any water source or well connected to the system. The required level  
1816 of protection is a reduced-pressure principal backflow prevention device or air gap. All devices  
1817 must be approved by the Foundation for Cross-Connection Control, University of Southern  
1818 California.

1819  
1820 **Section 38. Manure Slurries and Sludges.**

1821  
1822 (a) Manure slurries and sludges shall not be applied where the land slope exceeds  
1823 five (5) percent or the yearly soil loss is greater than five (5) tons per acre as determined by the  
1824 Universal Soil Loss Equation or in any manner that will allow surface runoff to transport animal  
1825 waste from the application site.

1826  
1827 (b) The minimum depth of unsaturated soil strata on which a land application system  
1828 may be developed is four (4) feet.

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1830 (c) All land application sites shall be protected from up slope runoff by diversion  
1831 ditches capable of intercepting the overland flow from a 25-year 24-hour storm event. Diversion  
1832 ditches are not required if it can be shown that a storm of this size will not have an impact on the  
1833 site.

1834  
1835 (d) Pathogen controls.

1836  
1837 (i) Spray irrigation application shall not leave the property used as the land  
1838 application site.

1839  
1840 (ii) Manure slurries and sludges shall be applied only to lands with a very low  
1841 potential for public access.

1842  
1843 (iii) Public access to all application sites shall be restricted by signing at points  
1844 of potential public access. The access restriction shall apply one (1) year after the application of  
1845 manure slurries.

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1847 (iv) Crops shall not be harvested for ninety (90) days after the application of  
1848 manure slurries and sludges.

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1850 (v) Direct human consumption crops, which are consumed fresh, shall not be  
1851 harvested for one year after the application of manure slurries and sludges.

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1853 (vi) Turf grass or sod grown on land where manure slurries or sludges are  
1854 applied shall not be harvested for one year after application of liquid animal wastes.

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1856 (e) Buffer zones shall be required to protect the public from exposure to pathogens or  
1857 odors that might be present in manure slurries or sludges.

1858  
1859 (i) A buffer zone of one-fourth (1/4) mile is required between a land  
1860 application site and any building with human occupancy or area of public use, not including  
1861 public roadways.

1862  
1863 (ii) Manure slurries or sludges shall not leave the property where they are  
1864 applied.

1865  
1866 (iii) Manure slurries or sludges shall not be land applied within 200 feet of a  
1867 perennial, intermittent, or ephemeral water body or water well permitted for current domestic  
1868 purposes.

1869  
1870 (f) Method of application.

1871  
1872 (i) Manure slurries and sludges shall be evenly distributed over application  
1873 sites at a rate that shall not exceed the agronomic rate and at a rate that shall not result in any  
1874 surface runoff from the site.

1875  
1876 (ii) Land application of manure slurries and sludges shall not be undertaken  
1877 when soil is saturated, frozen, or covered with ice or snow or immediately before or during a  
1878 storm event.

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1880 (iii) Sprinkler type land application systems shall be equipped with a backflow  
1881 prevention device to protect any water source or well connected to the system. The required level  
1882 of protection is a reduced-pressure principal backflow prevention device or air gap. All devices  
1883 must be approved by the Foundation for Cross-Connection Control, University of Southern  
1884 California.

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1886 (iv) All manure slurries and sludges shall be injected or incorporated within  
1887 six (6) hours after application.

1888  
1889 (g) Metals. Sludges shall not be land applied if the metals concentrations exceed the  
1890 ceiling pollutant levels established by ~~Section 14, Pollutant Limits, Chapter 15, Water Quality-~~  
1891 ~~Division Rules and Regulations~~ Chapter 11, Part E, Section 48 of these regulations.

1892  
1893 **Section 39. Solid Manure Wastes.**

1894  
1895 (a) Buffer zone.

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1897 (i) A buffer zone of 200 feet is required between a land application site and  
1898 current residential, commercial, school, or industrial development lands where solid manure is to  
1899 be spread.

1900  
1901 (ii) Solid manure shall not be land applied within 200 feet of a perennial or

1902 intermittent water body or water well permitted for current domestic purposes.

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1904 (iii) Solid manure shall not leave the property where it is applied.

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1906 (b) Pathogen controls:

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1908 (i) Solid manure wastes shall not leave the application site when solid manure  
1909 wastes are land applied.

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1911 (ii) Solid manure wastes shall be applied only to lands with a low potential for  
1912 public contact with the solid manure wastes or the soil. This restriction does not preclude hunting  
1913 or fishing.

1914

1915 (iii) Crops shall not be harvested for thirty (30) days after the application of  
1916 solid manure wastes.

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1918 (iv) Direct human consumption crops, which are consumed fresh, shall not be  
1919 harvested for one (1) year after the application of solid manure wastes.

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1921 (v) Turf grass or sod grown on land where solid manure wastes are applied  
1922 shall not be harvested for landscaping for one year after application of solid manure wastes.

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1924 (c) Solid manure wastes may be sold or given away. The permittee must maintain a  
1925 record of who received solid manure and the amount received. The permittee must ~~assure~~ ensure  
1926 that the use of the solid manure complies with the requirements of this regulation.

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1928 **Section 40. Odor Controls.**

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1930 (a) Best available technology (BAT) shall be used to control odors in all phases of  
1931 animal waste management.

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1933 (b) The one (1) mile separation of confined swine feeding operations from occupied  
1934 dwellings, schools, and incorporated municipalities required by W.S. 305-11-302 (a)(IX) is an  
1935 odor control provision.

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1937 (c) Odor emissions shall not cause a violation of Wyoming Air Quality Standards  
1938 related to odors.

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1940 (d) The animal waste management plan shall include a proposal for controlling odors  
1941 from animal housing areas, lagoons, storage facilities, and land application sites. The plan shall  
1942 include a checklist of potential odor sources and identify specific management practices to  
1943 reduce odors from each source. Potential management practices include, but are not limited to,  
1944 the following:

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1946 (i) Mechanical incorporation of liquid animal waste, manure slurries, solid  
1947 manure, and sludge.

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1949 (ii) Avoidance of land application when wet humid conditions exist.  
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1951 (iii) Limiting of land application of manure slurries and sludges to the time  
1952 from one (1) hour after sunrise to one (1) hour before sunset.  
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1954 (iv) Conducting activities that increase odor emissions during periods of  
1955 favorable wind conditions.  
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1957 (v) Controlling volatile solids loading rates for lagoons.  
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1959 (vi) Aeration of lagoons.  
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1961 (vii) Collection and treatment of emissions.  
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1963 (viii) A list of specific actions to be taken by the permittee if odors are identified  
1964 as a problem.  
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1966 **Section 41. Dust Controls.**  
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- 1968 (a) Particulate concentrations shall meet Wyoming Air Quality Standards.  
1969  
1970 (b) The animal waste management plan shall include a proposal for controlling dust  
1971 from the confined swine feeding operation and facility roads. The proposal shall identify  
1972 management practices including but not limited to the following:  
1973  
1974 (i) Maintenance of animal waste moisture content of 20 to 30 percent.  
1975  
1976 (ii) Solid set sprinklers or portable spray equipment to control dust.  
1977  
1978 (iii) Conducting activities that could increase dust emissions during periods of  
1979 favorable wind conditions.  
1980  
1981 (iv) A list of specific actions to be taken by the permittee if dust is identified as  
1982 a problem.  
1983

1984 **Section 42. Vector Controls.** The animal waste management plan shall include a  
1985 proposal for controlling vectors associated with the confined swine feeding operation. The plan  
1986 shall include a checklist of potential vector sources and identify specific management practices  
1987 to control each of these sources. Management practices to be considered include:  
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- 1989 (a) Normal management practices used to ensure no accumulation of organic or  
1990 inorganic materials that create a harborage for rodents, flies, or other vectors.  
1991  
1992 (b) A list of specific actions to be taken by the permittee if vectors are identified as a  
1993 problem. These actions should be listed for each vector problem, (e.g., actions to be taken for fly



1994 problems, actions to be taken for rodent problems, etc.).

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**PART E.**  
**CLOSURE REQUIREMENTS**

**Section 43. Closure by Permittee.** A permittee intending to close a confined swine feeding operation shall notify the ~~d~~Division by certified mail. The notice of intended closure shall be given as soon as possible and at least 180 days before initiation of closure. Simultaneous notice shall be made by the permittee to the governing body of each locality and adjacent property owners within one (1) mile of the permitted operation by certified mail.

(a) Closure Plan Standards.

(i) Closure procedures shall be carried out according to plans approved by the ~~a~~Administrator. A closure plan shall be submitted concurrent with the notice of intended closure. In reviewing any closure, the ~~a~~Administrator may require such modifications as may be deemed necessary by the ~~a~~Administrator for the protection of human health and safety and the protection of the environment.

(ii) The permittee shall close the facility according to the closure plan. The post-closure monitoring period shall continue for a minimum of three (3) years after the date of completing closure. The minimum post-closure monitoring period shall be extended if the ~~a~~Administrator determines it is needed to protect human health and safety or the environment.

(b) Closure completed by the permittee shall provide for the following:

(i) Removal and disposal of all animal waste materials.

(ii) Removal of all structures, lagoons, and miscellaneous structures, not incorporated into an approved post-closure use.

(iii) Placement of topsoil and revegetation of the disturbed areas.

(iv) Any other requirement necessary to protect human health and safety and the environment.

(c) The closure plan shall provide for the following post-closure activities:

(i) Evaluation of the beneficial use of structures and other permit related facilities not removed as part of the closure plan. Those facilities for which there is not a documented beneficial use shall be removed and the affected areas reclaimed.

(ii) Monitoring of post closure site impacts on water quality, to include sampling, analysis, and reporting.

(iii) Periodic inspection by the permittee.

(iv) Certification of final closure by the permittee.

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2042 (v) Any other requirement determined by the ~~Administrator~~ necessary to  
2043 protect human health and safety and the environment.

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2045 (d) Closure inspection:

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2047 (i) After the permittee or other responsible party has completed closure of the  
2048 facility the ~~Division~~ shall be so notified. The ~~Division~~ shall inspect all closed confined swine  
2049 feeding operations to determine if the closure is complete and meets the approved plan. The  
2050 ~~Division~~ shall provide written inspection results to the permittee after the inspection. If the  
2051 closure is not satisfactory, the ~~Division~~ shall specify necessary steps to bring the site into  
2052 compliance with closure requirements. When the closure is satisfactory, the permittee or other  
2053 responsible party shall be so notified.

2054  
2055 (ii) Notification by the ~~Division~~ that the closure is satisfactory shall not act  
2056 as a waiver of any remedy under these regulations or under law that may be available to the State  
2057 of Wyoming. Such notification does not relieve the permittee of responsibility for corrective  
2058 action. Environmental problems caused by the operation discovered anytime shall require  
2059 corrective action by the permittee. Corrective action shall be completed by the permittee  
2060 according to the regulations of the ~~Division~~ and other applicable laws, and regulations.

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2062 **Section 44. Relinquished Facility Closure Plan.**

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2064 (a) Relinquished facility closure plans shall be based on returning the site to its  
2065 approximate original contour and stable condition. Financial assurance amounts shall be based  
2066 on costs for closure of a relinquished facility.

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2068 (b) A relinquished facility closure plan shall be submitted with the permit application  
2069 for approval and determination of financial assurance amounts.

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2071 (c) If the permittee fails to close the facility, the state shall close the facility  
2072 according to the relinquished facility closure plan or as modified by the ~~Division~~ with the  
2073 approval of the ~~Director~~. Specifically the requirements to remove all structures and to restore  
2074 the approximate original contours may be waived with the approval of the ~~Director~~.

2075  
2076 (d) The relinquished facility closure plan shall provide for the following:

2077  
2078 (i) Removal and disposal of all animal waste materials.

2079  
2080 (ii) Removal of all structures, lagoons, and miscellaneous structures.

2081  
2082 (iii) Restoration of approximate contour and replacement of topsoil.

2083  
2084 (iv) The revegetation and restoration of the site to a stable condition.

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2086 (v) Fence installation, signage, and maintenance to protect the revegetation.

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2088 (vi) Reseeding as necessary to complete revegetation.  
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2090 (vii) Periodic inspection by the ~~a~~Administrator or designated agent.  
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2092 (viii) Post-closure monitoring to include sampling, analysis, and reporting for a  
2093 minimum of three (3) years.  
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2095 (ix) Any other requirement necessary to protect human health and safety and  
2096 the environment.  
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2098 (x) A detailed estimate of the costs for a third party contractor to carry out the  
2099 closure plan, with a complete listing of all assumptions upon which the cost estimate is based,  
2100 and a 15 percent contingency factor.  
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2102 **Section 45. Corrective Action Requirements.**  
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- 2104 (a) In the event of an unauthorized release of animal waste or other contamination to  
2105 the environment, the permittee shall:  
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2107 (i) Immediately notify the ~~d~~Division.  
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2109 (ii) Initiate immediate measures that shall:  
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2111 (A) Prevent further release to the environment.  
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2113 (B) Prevent further migration of the released substance into sur-  
2114 rounding soils, air, and waters of the ~~s~~State.  
2115  
2116 (C) Identify, monitor, mitigate, and remediate any threat to human  
2117 health or safety and the environment associated with the release.  
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2119 (iii) Prepare a plan to investigate the release, the release site and any  
2120 surrounding area that may be affected by the release. The plan shall include but not be limited to  
2121 the following items:  
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2123 (A) Comprehensive surface and subsurface investigations to define the  
2124 extent and degree of contamination.  
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2126 (B) A schedule for conducting the investigation.  
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2128 (iv) Submit the investigation plan to the ~~d~~Division within thirty (30) days. The  
2129 extent of contamination study should begin when the plan has been approved and all necessary  
2130 permits obtained.  
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2132 (v) Conduct the extent of contamination study according to the approved plan

2133 and submit a written report of the findings to the ~~e~~Division.

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2135 (vi) If required by the ~~a~~Administrator, develop a remediation plan. The  
2136 remediation plan shall be submitted to the ~~e~~Division for approval. The remediation plan shall be  
2137 implemented when the ~~a~~Administrator has approved the plan and all necessary permits have  
2138 been obtained.

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2140 (b) Violation of any of these requirements or permit conditions, after notice as  
2141 required by these rules, shall constitute immediate grounds for forfeiture of the financial  
2142 assurance accepted pursuant to these regulations.

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2144 (c) If deemed necessary by the ~~e~~Division, the permittee shall be required to close the  
2145 facility and cease all further activities that generate, store, or deposit animal waste materials.

2146 **PART F.**  
2147 **FINANCIAL ASSURANCE STANDARDS**  
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2149 **Section 46. Purpose.** The purpose of this part of these regulations is to establish  
2150 financial assurance requirements in accordance with W.S. 35-11-302 (a)(ix). Permittees of all  
2151 confined swine feeding operations permitted under Chapter 20, Water Quality Division Rules  
2152 and Regulations shall provide financial assurance for relinquished facility closure, and corrective  
2153 actions. The amount shall be adequate for corrective action, closure and post-closure  
2154 requirements, as required by these regulations and the ~~a~~Administrator. Nothing in these  
2155 regulations shall relieve the permittee of confined swine feeding operations of liability for  
2156 closure and corrective action costs. Violation of any of the financial assurance requirements of  
2157 these regulations shall be cause for revocation of a bond or other form of financial assurance and  
2158 the denial or revocation of the permit.  
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2160 **Section 47. Closure Bond Amount Determination.**  
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2162 (a) The closure plan for a relinquished confined swine feeding operation shall include  
2163 an itemized written projection of the estimated cost of closing the facility. The cost estimate shall  
2164 be based upon the current Means Site Work & Landscape and Repair & Remodeling Cost Data  
2165 and the current Wyoming Department of Transportation Weighted Average Bid Prices.  
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2167 (b) The permittee shall provide the information necessary to determine closing costs  
2168 for closure after forfeiture of financial assurance in accordance with Section 44 of these  
2169 regulations. When determining closure costs for financial assurance requirements, the  
2170 ~~a~~Administrator may also consider information from other sources.  
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2172 (c) Revised relinquished facility closure cost estimates shall be submitted to the  
2173 ~~d~~Division annually.  
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2175 (d) When the revised cost estimates are approved by the ~~d~~Division, the permittee  
2176 shall have ninety (90) days to adjust the amount of financial assurance provided after receipt of  
2177 notification by the ~~d~~Division.  
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2179 **Section 48. Corrective Action Contingency Bond Amount Determination.**  
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2181 (a) The corrective action contingency bond amount shall be determined using the  
2182 following formula:  
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$$2184 \text{Bond Amount} = \text{Maximum Rate} \times f_w \times f_g \times f_i$$

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2186 From Table 1, the Maximum Rate is determined by the proposed size of the facility.

2187 From Table 2,  $f_w$  is a factor that accounts for groundwater monitoring, secondary  
2188 containment with a liquid collection and recovery system, setback distance of the facility from  
2189 the permittee's down gradient property line and the class of groundwater that underlies the  
2190 facility.  
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2192 From Table 3,  $f_g$  is a factor that accounts for the saturated hydraulic conductivity  
2193 and the thickness of the least permeable stratum between the lowest point of construction and the  
2194 first encountered groundwater.

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2196 The effects of variations in the cost index are corrected for by the factor  $f_i$ . The  
2197 factor  $f_i$  is a weighted annual average of the Bureau of Labor Statistics Producer Price Indexes  
2198 for Capital Equipment, WPUSOP3200; Material and components for construction,  
2199 WPUSOP2200; and Machinery and equipment, WPU114. On December 31 of each year,  $f_i$  shall  
2200 be calculated for the coming year by dividing the weighted annual index value for the previous  
2201 year by 100. For example, the  $f_i$  for 1998 is calculated by dividing the weighted annual index for  
2202 1996, 141.5, by 100. The  $f_i$  for 1998 is 1.415.

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2204 (b) Table 1  
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Maximum Rate Determination*	
Number of Swine at the Confined Swine Feeding Operation	Maximum Rate
2500 - 5000	\$2,800,000
5000 - 10,000	\$3,100,000
10,000 - 20,000	\$3,500,000
20,000 - 50,000	\$4,400,000

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2207 \* The Maximum Rate is based on estimates of the cost of remediation and subsequent  
2208 monitoring of the worst case release from a facility housing the range of swine numbers listed.

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2210 \*\*Bond amounts for facilities greater than 50,000 animals shall be determined by the  
2211 [Department](#) based on a case-by-case analysis of the potential corrective action costs.

2212 (c) Table 2  
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Determination of Groundwater Classification Factor ( $f_w$ )				
Groundwater Monitoring	Liquid Collection and Recovery System (Secondary Containment)	Setback Distance from Animal Waste Facility*	Groundwater Classification	$f_w$
Yes/No	No		Class I	1
No	Yes		Class I	0.7
Yes	Yes	Less than ½ mile	Class I	0.4
Yes	Yes	Greater than ½ mile	Class I	0.25
Yes/No	No		Class II-III	1
No	Yes		Class II-III	0.4
Yes	Yes	Less than ½ mile	Class II-III	0.2
Yes	Yes	Greater than ½ mile	Class II-III	0.1
Yes/No	No		Class IV-VI	1
No	Yes		Class IV-VI	0.2
Yes	Yes		Class IV-VI	0.1

2214 \* To Down Gradient Property Boundary or Area Controlled by Groundwater Easement  
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2217 (d) Table 3  
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Determination of Vadose Zone Factor ( $f_g$ )*		
Saturated Hydraulic Conductivity (k) of Least Permeable Stratum between Impoundment and First Encountered Groundwater	Thickness of Least Permeable Stratum	$f_g$
Hydraulic conductivity $k > 10^{-4}$ cm/s	Less than 75 ft.	1
$k > 10^{-4}$ cm/s	75 to 250 ft.	0.9
$k > 10^{-4}$ cm/s	Greater than 250 ft.	0.75
$10^{-4}$ cm/s $> k > 10^{-6}$ cm/s	20 to 30 ft.	0.8
$10^{-4}$ cm/s $> k > 10^{-6}$ cm/s	30 to 100 ft.	0.65
$10^{-4}$ cm/s $> k > 10^{-6}$ cm/s	Greater than 100 ft.	0.5
Low Permeability Media $k < 10^{-6}$ cm/s	3 to 10 ft.	0.4
Low Permeability Media $k < 10^{-6}$ cm/s	Greater than 10 ft.	0.2

2219 \* For facilities developed within highly sensitive hydrogeologic settings (e.g. fractured,  
 2220 faulted or karst terrain) or within Zones of Contribution to public drinking water systems, the  
 2221 value for ( $f_g$ ) will be established by the ~~a~~Administrator.  
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 2223

2224 (e) The corrective action contingency bond amount shall be recalculated each year in  
 2225 accordance with Section 11, Financial Assurance Plan Content. When the bond amount is  
 2226 recalculated, the permittee shall have ninety (90) days to adjust the amount of financial assurance



2227 provided after receipt of notification by the ~~d~~Division.  
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2229 **Section 49. Financial Assurance for Facility Closure and Corrective Action.**  
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2231 (a) General.  
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2233 (i) Every confined swine feeding operation permitted under these regulations  
2234 shall provide financial assurance equal to the sum of the costs estimated following Section 47 for  
2235 closure; Section 21 and the appropriate Solid and Hazardous Waste Division Rules and  
2236 Regulations for a solid waste facility, if required; and Section 48 for the corrective action  
2237 contingency bond.  
2238

2239 (ii) Final determination of the amounts of financial assurance requirements  
2240 shall be made by the ~~d~~Division.  
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2242 (iii) The ~~d~~Department shall have the right to conduct an independent review of  
2243 a surety or a financial institution for its ability to ~~assure~~ ensure performance under the instrument  
2244 of financial assurance. The ~~d~~Department shall deny, in whole or in part, any proposed form of  
2245 financial assurance determined inadequate or lacking in soundness.  
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2247 (iv) Evidence of the selected forms of financial assurance shall be filed with  
2248 the ~~d~~Division as part of the permit application. Financial assurance shall be accepted by the  
2249 ~~d~~Division before a permit is approved. Valid financial assurance shall be a condition of  
2250 conducting a confined swine feeding operation.  
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2252 (v) The ~~d~~Division may reject the proposed forms of assurance of financial  
2253 responsibility if the evidence submitted, in the ~~d~~Division's sole judgment, does not adequately  
2254 ~~assure~~ ensure that funds will be available as required by these regulations. The permittee shall be  
2255 notified by the ~~a~~Administrator of the decision to accept or reject the proposed forms of financial  
2256 assurance according to Section 14, Approval or Denial of a Permit Application.  
2257

2258 (vi) All forms of financial assurance shall be made payable to the ~~d~~Department  
2259 upon demand and shall not be subject to any liens or setoffs. The submittal and acceptance of  
2260 any form of financial assurance shall be conditioned upon the requirements set forth in these  
2261 regulations.  
2262

2263 (b) Failure to provide an increased amount of financial assurance required by these  
2264 regulations shall be a failure to satisfy the requirement to demonstrate financial assurance and  
2265 shall be cause for revocation of the financial assurance and the permit.  
2266

2267 **Section 50. Forms of Financial Assurance.** Financial assurance shall be accepted in a  
2268 lump sum to be used for any purpose under these regulations. Financial assurance shall be  
2269 executed in the amount calculated following the methods specified in these regulations. By  
2270 offering the forms of financial assurance required to meet closure and corrective action  
2271 requirements, the permittee of a confined swine feeding operation and its surety represent that  
2272 the form of financial assurance offered is binding, irrevocable, unconditional, is financially

2273 guaranteed by assets sufficient to meet the obligation, is a valid instrument made payable to the  
2274 ~~d~~Department, and fully complies with these regulations. The following forms of financial  
2275 assurance may be accepted:

2276  
2277 (a) A letter of credit. A letter of credit shall be subject to the following conditions:

2278  
2279 (i) A letter of credit shall be accepted only from a bank or lending institution  
2280 licensed to do business in the State of Wyoming and subject to banking laws and regulations of  
2281 the State of Wyoming with more than 50 percent of the bank's assets residing in the U.S.

2282  
2283 (ii) The letter shall be irrevocable during its term. The ~~d~~Department may  
2284 approve the use of a letter of credit as security according to a schedule approved within the  
2285 permit. Any bank or lending institution issuing a letter of credit shall notify the ~~d~~Director in  
2286 writing by certified mail at least ninety (90) days before the maturity date or expiration of the  
2287 letter of credit agreement of its intent not to extend the letter of credit. A letter of credit shall be  
2288 forfeited if not replaced by another form of financial assurance thirty (30) days before expiration  
2289 of the letter of credit. All forms of financial assurance shall be approved by the ~~d~~Department  
2290 before being accepted. A forfeited letter of credit shall be converted to cash by the bank or  
2291 lending institution and the cash transferred to the ~~d~~Department.

2292  
2293 (iii) Letters of credit shall be made payable to the ~~d~~Department both in writing  
2294 and upon the records of the bank issuing the letter of credit. Letters of credit must be payable  
2295 upon demand by the ~~d~~Department and the lending institutions or banks issuing letters of credit  
2296 are required to waive all rights of set off or liens against the letters of credit.

2297  
2298 (iv) The letter of credit shall not be more than ten (10) percent of the bank's  
2299 capital surplus account as shown on a balance sheet and a financial statement certified by a  
2300 certified public accountant in good standing.

2301  
2302 (v) No bank or lending institution shall issue a letter of credit to any person or  
2303 entity, on any permit or financial assurance requirement required of that person or entity, in  
2304 excess amounts allowed under W.S. 13-3-402. Violation of this provision shall be deemed a  
2305 violation of the permit and the ~~d~~Department shall declare forfeiture of the letter of credit.

2306  
2307 (vi) In addition to those requirements set forth above, letters of credit shall  
2308 provide that:

2309  
2310 (A) The bank or lending institution shall give prompt notice to the  
2311 permittee and the ~~d~~Director by certified mail of any notice received or action filed alleging the  
2312 insolvency or bankruptcy of the bank or lending institution, or alleging any violations of  
2313 regulatory requirements that could result in suspension or revocation of the bank or lending  
2314 institution's charter or license to do business.

2315  
2316 (B) In the event the bank or lending institution becomes unable to  
2317 fulfill its obligations under the letter of credit for any reason, notice shall immediately be given  
2318 to the permittee and the ~~d~~Director by certified mail. In the event the permittee becomes aware

2319 that the institution providing a letter of credit has become unable to fulfill its obligations, the  
2320 permittee shall immediately notify the ~~the~~ Director by certified mail.

2321  
2322 (C) The permittee is in violation of the permit if the financial assurance  
2323 becomes invalid due to failure of the issuing bank or lending institution. The bank or lending  
2324 institution shall be considered incapacitated due to bankruptcy, insolvency, lapse, suspension, or  
2325 revocation of its charter or license to do business in Wyoming, or violation of the requirements  
2326 set forth in these regulations. The ~~the~~ Director shall issue a notice of violation to any permittee  
2327 without financial assurance requiring replacement coverage within sixty (60) days. During this  
2328 period the ~~the~~ Director or a designated representative shall conduct weekly inspections to ensure  
2329 continuing compliance with the permit. If any other permit conditions are violated, the ~~the~~ Director  
2330 may suspend the permit.

2331  
2332 (vii) Nothing herein shall limit the right to serve any process, notice, or  
2333 demand required or permitted by law to be served upon the bank.

2334  
2335 (b) Surety bonds. A surety shall not be considered good and sufficient for purposes of  
2336 these regulations unless:

2337 (i) It is licensed to do business in the State of Wyoming.

2338  
2339 (ii) The surety holds the highest rating under the following rating services:

2340  
2341 (A) Standard and Poors.

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2343 (B) Moodys.

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2345 (C) Others accepted by the ~~the~~ Division.

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2347 (iii) The estimated bond amount does not exceed the limit of risk as provided  
2348 for in W.S. 26-5-110, nor raise the total of all bonds held by the applicant under that surety  
2349 above three (3) times the limit of risk.

2350  
2351 (iv) The surety agrees:

2352  
2353 (A) Not to cancel the bond, except where the ~~the~~ Department gives prior  
2354 written approval of a good and sufficient replacement form of financial assurance complying  
2355 with these regulations.

2356  
2357 (B) To be jointly and severally liable with the permittee for closure and  
2358 corrective actions as required by Part E of this regulation.

2359  
2360 (C) To provide immediate written notice to the ~~the~~ Department and  
2361 permittee once it becomes unable or may become unable to fulfill its obligations under the bond.

2362  
2363 (D) To warrant in the bond instrument that the bond is authorized, is  
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2365 fully enforceable, and is backed by sufficient assets to guarantee execution on the bond.

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2367 (E) To further warrant that the bond shall be payable to the

2368 ~~e~~D~~e~~partment upon demand and shall not be subject to any liens or setoffs.

2369

2370 (v) If, for any reason, the surety becomes unable to fulfill its obligations under

2371 the bond, the permittee and surety shall immediately provide the required notice to the

2372 ~~e~~D~~e~~partment. The permittee shall have sixty (60) days to secure alternative bonding complying

2373 with the provisions of these regulations. Failure to provide notice to the ~~e~~D~~e~~partment or failure

2374 to secure alternative bonding shall result in suspension of the permit.

2375

2376 (c) Federally insured certificate of deposit. The ~~e~~D~~e~~partment shall not accept an

2377 individual federally insured certificate of deposit in an amount in excess of the maximum insur-

2378 able amount as determined by the FDIC. Such certificates of deposit shall be made payable to the

2379 ~~e~~D~~e~~partment both in writing and upon the records of the bank issuing the certificate of deposit.

2380 All certificates of deposit shall be retained by the Wyoming State Treasurer and shall be payable

2381 on demand. The ~~e~~D~~e~~partment shall require the bank or lending institution issuing the certificate

2382 to waive all rights of set off or liens against the certificate. The amount of the certificate of

2383 deposit shall be calculated after any penalty for payment before maturity is deducted.

2384

2385 (d) Government-backed securities. In lieu of a bond, the permittee or its principal

2386 may deposit government securities registered solely in the ~~e~~D~~e~~partment 's name and backed by

2387 the full faith and credit of the United States. The market value of the securities shall be utilized

2388 to value the security.

2389

2390 (e) Cash. In lieu of a bond, the permittee or its principal may provide cash to be

2391 retained on deposit by the Wyoming State Treasurer in the name of the ~~e~~D~~e~~partment. Interest

2392 shall not be earned on amount of cash deposited in lieu of a bond or other form of financial

2393 assurance.

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2395 **Section 51. Release of the Permittee from the Requirements of Financial**

2396 **Assurance.**

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2398 (a) No bond or other form of financial assurance may be canceled by the surety

2399 unless sixty (60) days prior written notice is given the ~~e~~D~~e~~partment and the ~~e~~D~~e~~partment gives written

2400 consent, which may be granted only when the requirements of these regulations have been

2401 fulfilled.

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2403 (b) When closure and corrective actions required by a permit are complete, financial

2404 assurance shall be released by the ~~e~~D~~e~~partment.

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2406 (i) When the ~~a~~A~~d~~ministrator determines that initial closure activities have

2407 been completed for a permit, financial assurance less retainages shall be released.

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2409 (ii) A sufficient amount of financial assurance shall be retained to pay for

2410 estimated costs of post-closure activities. This portion of the financial assurance shall be held for

2411 a period of at least three (3) years after initial facility closure activities are completed.

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2413 (iii) The corrective action contingency bond amount shall be reduced 20  
2414 percent per year after initial closure activities have been completed. The reduction rate may be  
2415 adjusted by the ~~A~~Administrator if justified to provide for the costs of unresolved remedial action  
2416 requirements. Such amounts shall be held until remedial actions are complete.

2417

2418 (iv) Release of any amounts of financial assurance shall not release the  
2419 permittee or other responsible person from any responsibility for meeting closure or corrective  
2420 action requirements.

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2422 **Section 52. Forfeiture of Bond or Other Form of Financial Assurance.**

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2424 (a) Bond or other financial assurance forfeiture proceedings shall occur only after the  
2425 ~~D~~Department provides notice to the owner and any surety in accordance with W.S. 35-11-421  
2426 that a violation exists and the Council has approved the request of the ~~D~~Director to begin  
2427 forfeiture proceedings.

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2429 (b) With the approval of the Council, the ~~D~~Director may:

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2431 (i) Collect forfeited funds from financial assurance provided under these  
2432 regulations.

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2434 (ii) Expend forfeited funds to remedy and abate the circumstances for which  
2435 any financial assurance was provided.

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2437 (d) Use of all financial assurance shall not relieve the permittee or other responsible  
2438 parties from responsibility and liability for closure and corrective action costs. The Wyoming  
2439 Attorney General may bring suit to recover any costs incurred by the state for closure or  
2440 corrective action costs not covered by collected financial assurance monies.