

## Rules and Regulations

Below are a few key regulatory provisions and a list of Iowa Department of Natural Resources state and field offices. For more detailed information, please contact us at 282-0484 or [iowacci@iowacci.org](mailto:iowacci@iowacci.org).

- **Who must submit a manure management plan (MMP)?**  
Any hog facility with at least 1,250 hogs (500 animal units) in total confinement at any one time must submit a manure management plan to the Department of Natural Resources.
- **Who must apply for a construction permit?**  
Any hog facility with at least 2,500 hogs (1,000 animal units) in total confinement at any one time must apply for a construction permit from the Department of Natural Resources.
- **What is the permitting process?**  
The factory farm owner must submit their permit application and MMP to the county Board of Supervisors and the central office of the Department of Natural Resources. The county scores the application using the matrix and must send a recommendation on the permit within 30 days. The Department of Natural Resources must approve, reject, or ask for more information on the application within 60 days.
- **What happens if the Department of Natural Resources approves a permit?**  
The Department of Natural Resources sends an "intent to permit" letter to the county supervisors. After receiving this letter, the county has 14 days to appeal the decision to the Environmental Protection Commission (the DNR's oversight board). If the county asks for an appeal, the Environmental Protection Commission then holds a hearing and votes to approve or overturn the DNR's decision.  
  
The Environmental Protection Commission has voted twice in recent history -- both times involving organizing by Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement members -- to overturn the DNR's permit decisions.
- **What limits exist on where factory farms can spread manure?**  
Factory farms cannot surface land apply manure within 750 feet of a residence, business, church, school or public-use area or within 200 feet of a "designated area" (creeks, rivers, lakes, wetlands, sinkholes, cisterns, ag drainage wells, ponds, wells, and surface inlets). If manure is injected or incorporated, no separation distances apply.
- **What minimum separation distances are facilities required to meet?**  
Any facilities constructed on or after March of 2003 are required to meet greater separation distances than those built before March 2003. A number of factors determine the separation distance required including the type of manure storage structure and the size of the facility.

If you believe a factory farm is violating these regulations, call your Department of Natural Resources field office and file a written complaint.

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### DNR FIELD OFFICES

Contact information for each of the DNR's six field offices across the state can be found at [www.iowadnr.com/fo/fomap.html](http://www.iowadnr.com/fo/fomap.html)

