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CC267 Dairy Producer Waste Guidelines

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Producer makes application to DEC* for NPDES** Permit

When Waste Controls Required

DEC makes Inspection and notified producer that waste controls are needed, with copies to SCS and Bureau of Dairies.*** DEC notice will include dates for submittal of plans and completion of required facilities. An NPDES Permit will be issued containing the same compliance dates. Bureau of Dairies will advise local health official.

If eligible for cost-sharing producers applies for funds at local ASCS office. Producer has system designed by SCS, registered engineer, or others. System designs are also discussed and reviewed with local health officials. (If producers obtain ASCS cost-sharing funds, SCS approval of completed facility will be needed).

When waste control plans are completed the producer has plans reviewed and approved by Bureau of Dairies who will then forward them to DEC.

When approved DEC advises producer, with copies to SCS and Bureau of Dairies; DEC reminds producer of date for completion of facilities. Bureau of Dairies advises local health official that plans have been approved.

Producer arranges for layout of facilities by designer and engages local contractor or builds himself.

When facilities are complete, producer has SCS or registered engineer certify that construction is according to plans. For ASCS Cost-Sharing Funds SCS approval is mandatory.

Producer sends certification to DEC to verify compliance with NPDES Permit.

Producer must operate and manage system in accordance with NPDES Permit.

Approved facilities are subject to inspection by DEC and/or health officials at any time.

DEC makes inspection and producer is issued letter of exemption from NPDES Permit Program with copies to SCS and Bureau of Dairies. Bureau of Dairies will advise local health officials of same.

No further action required by producer unless a change in his operation could result in a possible discharge.

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** (NPDES) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

*** Bureau of Dairies, State Dept. of Agriculture, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68508. Telephone (402) 471-2536

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