

Checklist For Farm Loans Made by SBA Participating Lenders

Loan Name: _____ Loan Number: _____

Address: _____

SBA Lenders reviewing loan applications for farm loans are required to review potential environmental impacts of the loan project and make the determinations below in order to assess what, if any, environmental impacts can be expected.¹

For all farm loans involving animal feedlots or production (cattle, dairy, hog, chicken, etc.), all SBA participating lenders must obtain and submit copies of the following permits, as appropriate. If any of the listed permits are not required for the proposed project, provide a detailed explanation regarding why the permit is not needed.

Permit	Required (Yes/No)	Attached (Yes/No/NA)	If not required, provide explanation
Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)			
Concentrated Animal Feedlot (CAFO) or other operating permit;			
(NPDES Permit for construction stormwater discharge			
NPDES Permit if discharge of treated waste into a water source;			
Land Based Discharge Permit (if the waste will be disposed of on land) and			
Other required permits, list:			

¹ Any questions should be referred to Center Counsel or SLPC Environmental, who will consult with the Office of Litigation and Claims.

The following information must also be obtained and submitted in written format:

Item	Subject	Question
1	General	
1A	Setting	Has the location of the proposed project (the “site”) been used for commercial or agricultural activities during the past fifty years? List the timeline and provide a description of the activities.
1B	Proposed Project	Provide details of the proposed project including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Type of feedlot (dairy, poultry, hog, etc.) - Existing and proposed number of animals. - Existing and proposed acreage for manure spreading. - New construction or expansion of existing farm. - Current status of construction, if construction has been started.
2	Animal Waste	
2A	Volume	List how many tons and gallons of solid and liquid animal waste will be produced at the site on a yearly basis before and after the project is completed. List the volume of the existing and/or proposed manure containment structures (pits, ponds, lagoons or sheds).
2B	Management	Describe how animal waste will be stored, managed, and disposed.
2C	Deceased Animals	Describe how deceased animals will be disposed.
3	Manure Storage	
3A	Construction	Provide a copy of the manure containment structure design criteria and indicate if the design conforms to federal, state, and local standards. Attach a copy of any required licensed engineer or design professional certification.
3B	Compliance	Provide a list of compliance and/or inspection requirements for the manure containment structures. For existing facilities, submit the results from the last five (5) years of compliance inspections and/or monitoring.
4	Permits	
4A	Permits	List all necessary permits from federal, state and local regulatory agencies to conduct business at the site. Provide the status of each permit including application dates, approval or projected approval dates, regulatory agency, and purpose of the permit.
4B	Violations	Identify any environmental or operational related violations at the property (for example, manure management, odor, groundwater, surface water, or other environmental issues) from the past three years. Identify any violations that are still unresolved, regardless of age. List the environmental records reviewed to identify the past violations. List the date of the violation and how it was resolved. Provide copies of violation notices and documentation from regulatory agencies stating that the issues have been resolved.

5	Resources	
5A	Groundwater	What is the estimated depth to groundwater beneath the manure containment structures? Summarize any environmental studies that have been conducted to determine if groundwater could be negatively impacted by on-site operations. Provide a copy of any available studies.
5B	Monitoring	Does a federal, state, or local regulatory agency require groundwater monitoring in association with manure containment structures? Provide a copy of the most recent analytical results.
5C	Potable Water	Identify potable water supply wells within 500 feet horizontally of the manure containment structures and/or the land application of animal waste. Identify measures that have been or will be completed to ensure that the wells will not be negatively impacted by manure storage or land application.
5D	Surface Water / Wetlands	Provide a map showing the location of all surface water features (e.g., ponds, lakes, creeks, streams, or rivers) or wetlands within the same watershed or within one mile downstream of the farm and associated fields where the manure will be spread. Identify potential impacts to the features from the proposed project. Identify measures that have been or will be completed to ensure that the surface water or wetlands will not be negatively impacted by manure storage or land application.
5E	Floodplains	Is any portion of the site within a flood plain? If so, provide details.
5F	Soil	Summarize any environmental studies that have been conducted to determine if soil could be negatively impacted by on-site operations. Provide a copy of any available studies.
5G	Endangered Species	Identify any federal listed endangered or threatened animal or plant species in the county where the site resides. Submit documentation discussing potential impacts from the proposed project. If an evaluation of potential impacts has not been done, then a request should be sent to the US Fish and Wildlife Service for a review of potential impacts to endangered or threatened species in conjunction with the proposed project. Submit a copy of the request and the response from US Fish and Wildlife Service.
6	NEPA Assessment by other Federal Agencies	
6A	NEPA Environmental Assessments	Has another Federal Agency (such as Farm Service Agency) prepared a NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA) for this project? If so, provide the name of the agency and date of the assessment. Did the EA find any significant impacts? Provide a copy of the EA, if available.

Environmental Professional¹ Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Company Name: _____ Date: _____

¹ Attach qualifications of the environmental professional demonstrating experience in environmental planning and/or the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) or State equivalent.