

APPENDIX A

Environmental Stewardship Assessment: Air Quality and Community and Neighbor Issues

The goal of this assessment is to help you confidentially evaluate environmental issues that relate to outdoor air quality. For each issue listed in the left column of the worksheet, read across to the right and circle the statement that best describes conditions on your farm. If any categories do not apply, leave them blank.

Potential Odor Risk	High Risk	Moderate Risk	Low Risk
Producer knowledge of and response to neighbor concerns?			
Do neighbors complain?	Several complaints within last year	Occasional complaints within recent years	Never
Have you asked your neighbors about odor?	No	Some neighbors have been approached	All neighbors have been approached about odors.
Do neighbors know who to contact (name and phone number) for an odor complaint?	No	Some neighbors	All neighbors
How are complaints addressed?	Complaints are ignored or not taken seriously.	Complaints are taken seriously but responded to slowly.	Complaints are taken seriously, acted upon quickly, and action is shared with a neighbor.
Pro-Active Community Relations Efforts			
Is regular contact maintained with neighbors?	No	Occasionally	Always
Are neighbors notified in advance of odorous activities (e.g., land application of manure?)	No	Occasionally	Always
Are neighbors and community leaders provided an opportunity to tour your operation?	No	Some neighbors and community leaders are provided tour opportunities.	Yes, neighbors and community leaders are encouraged to tour operation.
Is farm owner or manager active in community?	Farm owner and manager do not live in local community.	Farm owner/manager has limited involvement in community (e.g., school, service groups, 4-H).	Farm owner/manager is active in community activities (e.g., school, service groups, 4-H).
General farmstead appearance?	Site shows signs of poor upkeep, weed growth, buildings in disrepair, or accumulation of junk.	Appearance of facilities are well maintained but site appears sterile, "factory farm image."	Site is neatly landscaped and groomed. Exterior appearance of facilities is well maintained.
Manure storage or stockpile visible to public or neighbors?	Storage is located within clear line of sight of neighbors or general public.		Storage is remotely located or visually screened from view of neighbors and general public.
Neighbor Locations (consider neighbors within 2 miles)			
Topography between neighbors and			
• Animal housing.			
• Manure storage or manure stockpiles.	Neighbors are located at lower elevation or in valley below facility.	Open, flat terrain	A shelterbelt, woods, or hill
• Manure application site			
Prevailing wind direction relative to:	Prevailing winds move air from:	Prevailing winds move air from:	Prevailing winds move air from:
• Animal housing.	___ animal housing,	___ animal housing,	___ animal housing,
• Manure storage or manure stockpiles.	___ manure storage or stockpiles, or	___ manure storage or stockpiles, or	___ manure storage or stockpiles, or
• Manure application site	___ manure application sites	___ manure application sites	___ manure application sites
	toward a residential community during higher odor risk seasons (commonly spring, summer, and time of manure application).	toward some neighbors during higher odor risk seasons (commonly spring, summer, and time of manure application).	away from most neighbors for most of the time (especially spring, summer and time of manure application).