

The Animal Feeding Operation Inspection

- What can you expect?
- What's the purpose?
- What really happens?
- What do inspectors look for?
- What types of problems do they find?
- What should a producer do to prepare?



What is an Inspection?

- Visit to a facility or site to gather information to determine compliance, usually for a single media or program.
- May include pre-inspection activities e.g., obtaining general information.
- Other activities may include:
 - interviewing facility representatives,
 - reviewing records and reports,
 - taking photographs,
 - collecting samples, and
 - observing facility or site operations.

What's the Purpose?

- To make sure the facility's operations are protective of the environment, especially nearby waters
- Permits and nutrient management plans are designed to protect the environment, so following your plan or permit shows how the operation is protecting the environment.
- To make sure producers who do the right things aren't at a disadvantage compared to other producers who don't comply

Why is my facility getting inspected?

- Routine inspections (according to state and federal rules)
- Citizen complaint investigation
- Investigation of an environmental problem (e.g., drinking water contamination, fish kill)

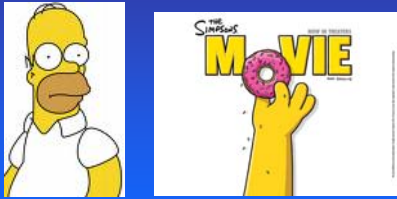
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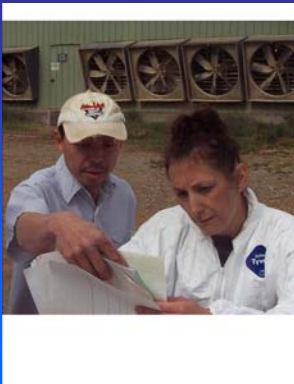
- State inspectors
 - Dept of Environmental Quality
 - Other agencies
- Federal inspectors
 - EPA Regional offices
- Contractors on behalf of state or EPA

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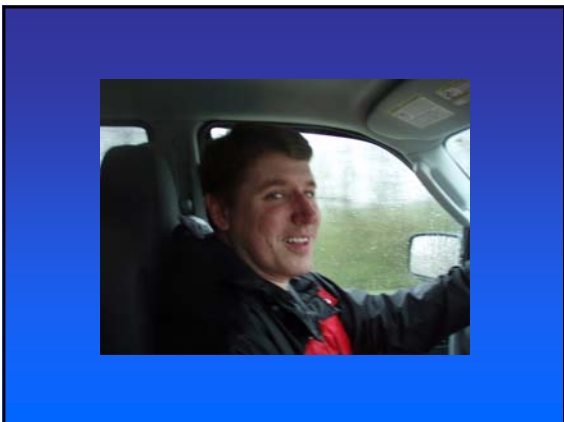




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