



Land Resources and Environment Department

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According to Sauk Co. Code Ch. 26, Agricultural Performance Standards and Manure Management Ordinance, closure of a manure storage facility shall occur when an operation where the facility is located ceases operation, or manure has not been added or removed from the facility for a period of 24 months. Manure storage facilities shall be closed in a manner that will prevent future contamination of groundwater and surface waters.

However, a facility may be retained for a longer period of time by demonstrating to the department that all of the following conditions are met (please check all boxes):

- The facility is designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with Sauk Co. Code ch. 26.008(8)(a)1. Not applicable for manure storage facilities built before and not significantly altered after October 1, 2002.
- The facility is capable of storing the manure and all accumulated precipitation for a period of time longer than 24 months.
- Future retention of the facility is warranted based on anticipated future use. Idle facilities must be kept at a level that prevents overflow. Manure storage facilities that have had no manure added or removed for a period of 24 months or longer require a professional engineer to evaluate the structure to meet Sauk Co. Code ch. 26.008(8) to ensure it was constructed and maintained to minimize the risk of structural failure and minimize leakage in order to comply with groundwater standards.
- Safety devices are installed in accordance with Sauk Co. Code ch. 26.013(3) including:
 1. A fence around the manure storage facility is required unless the manure storage facility has vertical walls 5 feet above the ground surface or the manure storage facility has a cover that will support foot traffic. Fences shall be a minimum of 48 inches above grade and shall not allow the passage of a larger than 6-inch sphere between any fence or gate member. All fence openings shall have gates that can be shut and securely fastened.
 2. A grate or tank cover, covering the opening to the pump or gravity flow collection pit, which is designed to withstand all load requirements. A barrier around the transfer system may be used in lieu of the grate only if the barrier provides protection to children and others.
 3. Proper ventilation is required in enclosed areas.
 4. Safety stops, gates, or both shall be installed at push-off ramps and load out areas of impoundments and structures to prevent accidental entry of tractors and other equipment.
 5. Manure storage facilities and their components shall have signs at all access points to warn of the danger of entry. The department may make such signs available.
 6. Other devices deemed necessary by the LRE, *NRCS Technical Guide, Agricultural Waste Management Field Handbook* (AWMFH) or *Engineering Field Handbook* (EFH).

Additional Information on back

Owner Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Facility Location: T____N R____E ____¼ ____¼ Section ____		
Parcel ID:	Year Constructed:	
Facility type: ____Earthen ____ Concrete ____ Slurrystore ____ Other		

By signing below, I will take the necessary steps to verify adequacy of my manure storage facility when I plan to use it in the future.

Landowner Name

Date