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Revising the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation General Permit



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Why we're here

- 1 CAFO permit program overview
- 2 Recent legal decision
- 3 Reissuance next steps

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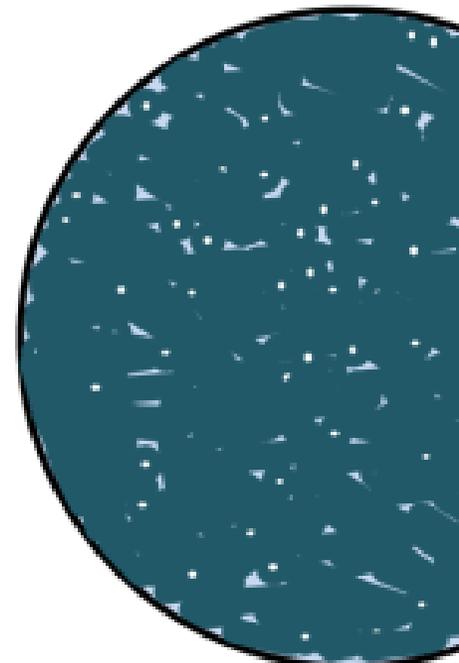
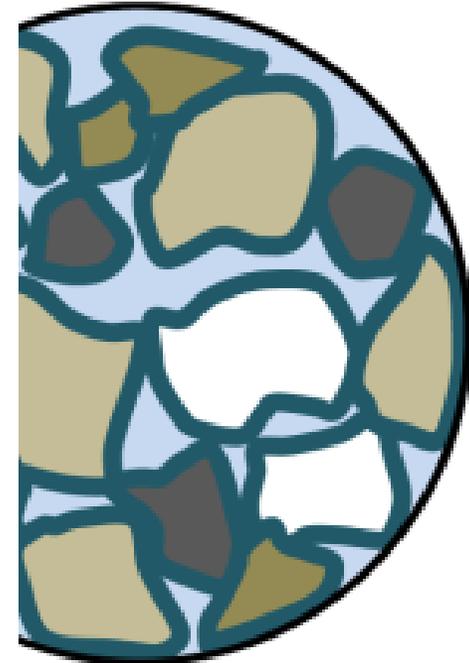
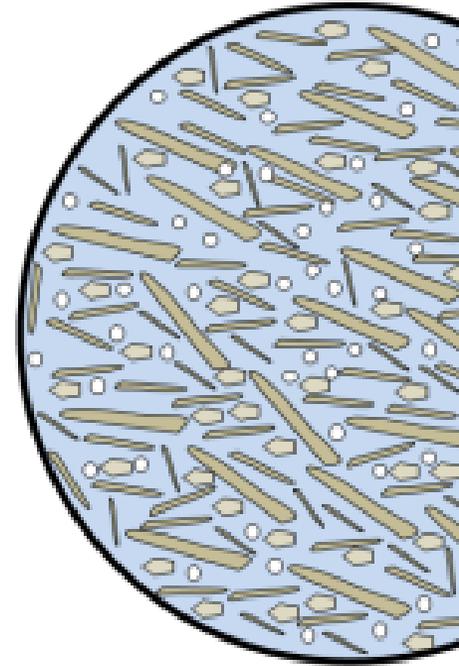
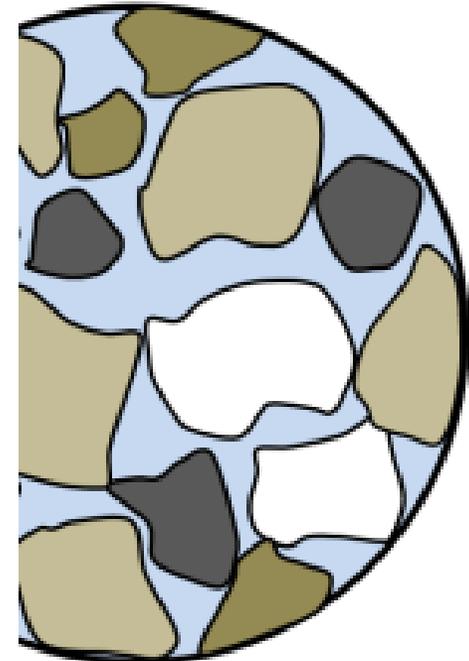
Introductions

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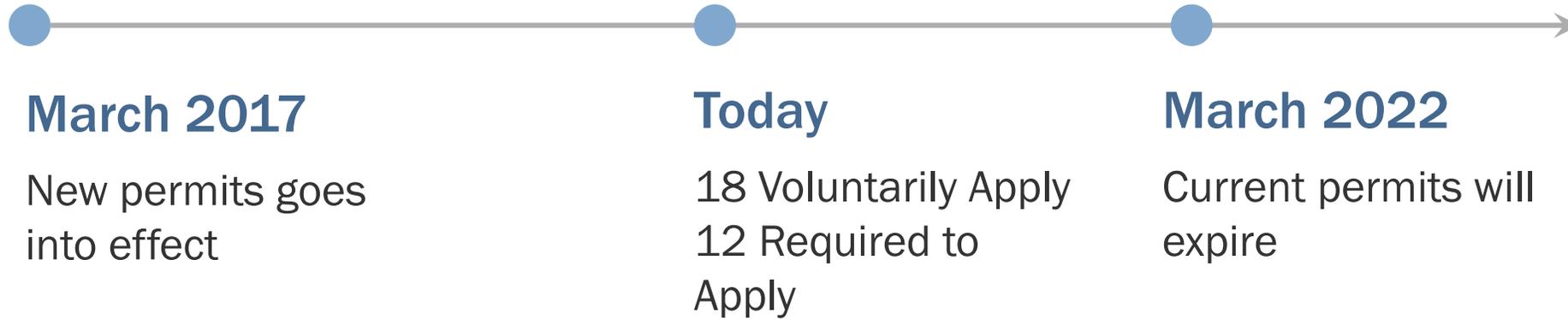
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Voluntary & Mandatory Permit Coverages Issued



Permit Requirements

Production Area

- Collect contaminated runoff
- Properly store waste
- Regularly inspect collection and storage system



Land Application Fields

- Balance nutrients
- Keep application records
- Test manure and soil
- Regularly inspect equipment and field discharge management areas



Recent Legal Decision



Court of Appeals Decision

Production Area

- Address impacts from compost areas & existing waste storage lagoons
- Compliance monitoring needed



Land Application Fields

- Address land application on high-risk fields
- Address tile-drainage & emergency winter application impacts
- Compliance monitoring needed



Court of Appeals Decision

Process

- Add public participation in reviews of site-specific plans
- Consider climate change



Our Next Steps



Revising the Permits

Receiving Feedback

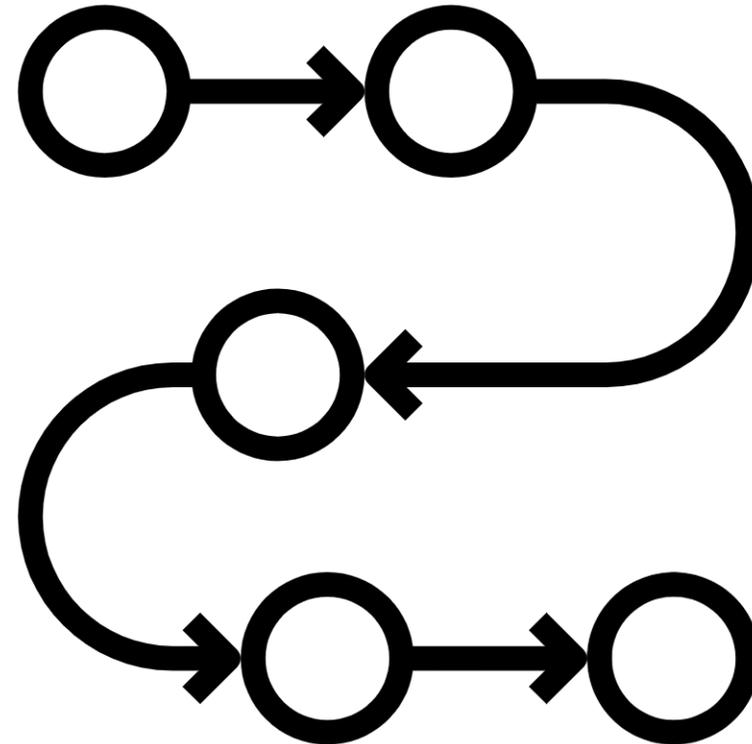
- Public Listening Sessions
- Open comment box

Workshopping Ideas

- Permit development team
- External consultations

Sharing Drafts

- Open comment period
- Formal public hearings



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Reissuance Timeline

Where we're headed next

Oct 2021

Listening Sessions
& open comment
box

March 2022

Current permit
expires; no new
permittees

Summer 2022

Draft permit
published & public
hearings held

End of 2022

Final decision

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