

Name of Practice: VOLUNTARY ANIMAL MORTALITY INCINERATOR FACILITIES  
DCR Specifications for No. VWP-4F

This document specifies terms and conditions for the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's voluntary animal mortality incinerator facility that are applicable to all contracts entered into with respect to that practice.

A. Description and Purpose

A planned mortality incineration system that will dispose of poultry and livestock carcasses resulting from other than catastrophic disease.

B. Policies and Specifications

1. Implementation of an incineration facility to protect and improve water quality by encouraging better mortality and nutrient management by incinerating poultry and livestock carcasses that have resulted from normal mortality and spreading or properly disposing of the residual material at the proper time, rate, and location.
2. This practice is to provide facilities for incinerating poultry and livestock carcasses from normal mortality. Incinerators must be sized to accommodate normally expected mortality from the existing operation, and may not consider future expansion of the operation.
3. All applicants must have:
  - i. A written operation and management plan for each incineration facility.
  - ii. Producers must be fully implementing a current Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) on all agricultural production acreage contained within the field that this practice will be implemented on. The NMP must comply with all requirements set forth in the Nutrient Management Training and Certification Regulations, (4VAC50-85 et seq.) and the Virginia Nutrient Management Standards and Criteria (revised July 2014), must be prepared and certified by a Virginia certified nutrient management planner, and must be on file with the local District. Plans shall also contain any specific production management criteria designated in the BMP practice (4VACV50-85-130G).
  - iii. A method of disposal of the residual from the incineration facility that does not increase NPS contamination of state waters if a nutrient management plan is not required for that residual.
4. Permit compliance. Compliance with all appropriate local and state laws, regulations and zoning ordinances is required, before cost-share payments are issued. This includes but is not limited to acquisition of permits and completion of inspections as required.

5. The practice must not be in lifespan from any other conservation program.
6. Practice Standards. This practice is subject to the NRCS Standards 316 Animal Mortality Facility, 317 Composting Facility, 367 Roofs and Covers, 558 Roof Runoff Structure, 620 Underground Outlet, 633 Waste Utilization and 634 Waste Transfer.
7. All practice components implemented should be maintained for a minimum of 5 years following the calendar year of installation. This practice is subject to spot check by the District throughout the lifespan of the practice.

C. Technical Responsibility

Technical and administrative responsibility is assigned to qualified technical DCR and District staff in consultation, where appropriate and based on the controlling standard, with DCR, Virginia Certified Nutrient Management Planner(s), NRCS, DOF, and VCE. Individuals certifying technical need and technical practice installation shall have appropriate certifications as identified above and/or Engineering Job Approval Authority (EJAA) for the designed and installed component(s). All practices are subject to spot check procedures and any other quality control measures.

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