

Air Quality Rules – EPA has determined in a final rule that all CAFO's (1,000 head or more) need to report their releases of ammonia and hydrogen sulfide to both the Iowa and county Emergency Management Coordinators. The new rule exempts smaller livestock facilities from the reporting. Details about this rule are located at: <http://www.beefusa.org/uDocs/nbaepcrafactsheet.pdf>

If you have 1000 or more head, you need to do four things:

1. You should immediately call the Iowa Emergency Response and Homeland Security Unit of the Iowa DNR at 515-281-8694. You will report your intent to file a continuous release report regarding ammonia and hydrogen sulfide. Record the date, time, and to whom you spoke and retain this information for your records.
2. You should also immediately call your county Emergency Management Coordinator. You need to report and retain the same information as in step 1. The numbers for the county Emergency Management Coordinators in NW Iowa are: Buena Vista (712-749-2705), Calhoun (712-297-8323), Carroll (712-775-2166), Cherokee (712-225-6721), Clay (712-264-3987), Crawford (712-269-2422), Dickinson (712-336-3987), Emmet (712-362-5702), Ida (712-364-2533), Kossuth (515-295-5904), Lyon (712-472-8330), Monona (712-433-1294), O'Brien (712-757-4305), Osceola (712-754-2381), Palo Alto (712-852-4997), Plymouth (712-540-8101), Pocahontas (712-335-3188), Sac (712-662-4789), Sioux (712-737-4010), Woodbury (712-876-2212).
3. Complete and mail a written notification, within 30 days after the above phone calls, to both of the agencies (state and county) you contacted above. The form that you need to complete is located on the web at:
<http://www.beefusa.org/uDocs/epcra-reporting-information.pdf>
Maintain a record of the mailing so that you can verify the report was sent.
4. Annually review your operation to determine whether there are any changes which would increase emissions above the upper bound range that you submitted in the report in step 3. If there is an increase in the emissions, you will need to report that to the state and local agency you contacted in steps 1 & 2. Also, if you are aware that there is an increase in the emissions before the annual review, this should be reported. This might occur if there is an increase in the maximum number of cattle permitted at a large CAFO.

Four workshops are scheduled to help producers complete the form listed in Step 3. The workshops are: Feb. 16, 10 a.m. - Orange City; Feb. 16, 2 p.m. – Cherokee; Feb. 18, 10 a.m. – Spencer; and Feb. 19, 10 a.m. – Sac City. There is no charge for the meeting. To register, please call the County Extension Office of the site you plan to attend.