

Name of Practice: VOLUNTARY ANIMAL MORTALITY INCINERATOR FACILITY  
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. A nutrient management plan developed in accordance with requirements for nutrient management plan content and procedures as stipulated in the Nutrient Management Training and Certification Regulations for animal wastes, which are land applied. The nutrient management plan shall be implemented and maintained for the life of the practice.
  - 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 SWCD throughout the lifespan of the practice.

C. Technical Responsibility

Technical and administrative responsibility is assigned to qualified technical DCR and SWCD 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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