

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1411

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO THE CONTROL AND SITING OF EXTRA LARGE POULTRY AND SWINE CON-  
2 FINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS; AMENDING TITLE 25, IDAHO CODE, BY THE  
3 ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 40, TITLE 25, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH THE  
4 POULTRY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ACT, TO PROVIDE A SHORT TITLE, TO PROVIDE  
5 LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSES, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROVIDE FOR  
6 PERMITS, TO PROVIDE FOR PERMIT APPLICATIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR APPLICATION  
7 FEES, TO PROVIDE FOR EXISTING POULTRY OPERATIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR PERMIT  
8 CONDITIONS, TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC PERMIT CONDITIONS FOR EXTRA LARGE  
9 AND LARGE POULTRY OPERATIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR PERMIT AMENDMENTS, TO  
10 PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFER OF PERMITS, TO PROVIDE FOR NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT  
11 RECORDKEEPING, TO PROVIDE FOR FEES TO BE COLLECTED FOR PERMITTED POUL-  
12 TRY OPERATIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR DESIGNATION, TO AUTHORIZE RULEMAKING,  
13 TO PROVIDE FOR VIOLATIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR REVOCATION OF PERMITS, TO  
14 PROVIDE FOR CIVIL PENALTIES, TO PROVIDE FOR FINANCIAL ASSURANCES FOR  
15 LARGE POULTRY OPERATIONS AND FOR EXTRA LARGE POULTRY OPERATIONS, TO  
16 PROVIDE FOR SITING REQUIREMENTS FOR EXTRA LARGE POULTRY OPERATIONS, TO  
17 PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN RECORDS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE, TO  
18 PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY AND TO PROVIDE FOR CONFLICTS; AMENDING TITLE  
19 25, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 41, TITLE 25, IDAHO  
20 CODE, TO ESTABLISH THE SWINE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ACT, TO PROVIDE A  
21 SHORT TITLE, TO PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSES, TO DEFINE  
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34 TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE, TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY AND TO PROVIDE FOR  
35 CONFLICTS; AMENDING TITLE 25, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW  
36 CHAPTER 42, TITLE 25, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH THE LOCAL OPTION EXTRA  
37 LARGE SWINE OPERATIONS AND EXTRA LARGE POULTRY OPERATIONS SITING ACT,  
38 TO PROVIDE A SHORT TITLE, TO PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSES,  
39 TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICABILITY OF SPECIFIED DEFINITIONS AND TO DEFINE  
40 TERMS, TO REQUIRE SITE APPROVAL BY CERTAIN OPERATIONS THAT ARE REGU-  
41 LATED BY SPECIFIED LAW, TO PROVIDE THAT SITE APPROVAL IS SUPPLEMENTAL  
42 TO OTHER REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE THAT PARTICIPATION IS A LOCAL OPTION,  
43 TO PROVIDE THAT LOCAL ACTION IS REQUIRED FOR ACTION BY THE IDAHO STATE  
44 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TO PROVIDE FOR APPLICATIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT  
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1 THE DIRECTOR MAY MAKE RULES AND CONTRACT WITH OTHER AGENCIES, TO PROVIDE  
 2 LOCATION GUIDELINES, TO ESTABLISH SITE REVIEW PANELS, TO PROVIDE FOR  
 3 SITING APPLICATIONS AND CONTENTS OF APPLICATIONS, TO PROVIDE DUTIES OF  
 4 THE DIRECTOR RELATIVE TO APPLICATIONS, TO REQUIRE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE  
 5 FOR CLOSURE AND REMEDIATION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIRECTOR MAY REQUEST  
 6 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, TO PROVIDE FOR VIOLATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT, TO  
 7 PROVIDE FOR CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS, TO PROVIDE SEVERABILITY AND TO  
 8 PROVIDE FOR CONFLICTS; REPEALING SECTION 39-104A, IDAHO CODE, RELATING  
 9 TO RULEMAKING AUTHORITY REGARDING LARGE SWINE AND POULTRY FEEDING  
 10 OPERATIONS AND REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSURANCES FOR SUCH OPERATIONS; AND  
 11 REPEALING CHAPTER 79, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE LOCAL OPTION  
 12 SWINE FACILITIES SITING ACT.

13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

14 SECTION 1. That Title 25, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended  
 15 by the addition thereto of a NEW CHAPTER, to be known and designated as Chap-  
 16 ter 40, Title 25, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

17 CHAPTER 40  
 18 POULTRY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ACT

19 25-4001. SHORT TITLE. This chapter shall be known as the "Poultry En-  
 20 vironmental Control Act."

21 25-4002. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSES. The legislature finds  
 22 that:

23 (1) The poultry industry is experiencing rapid changes such as in-  
 24 creased sophistication of production technology, increased demand for  
 25 capital to maintain or expand operations, consolidation of production and  
 26 packing facilities and changing consumer demands and markets;

27 (2) Poultry operations may increase social and environmental impacts  
 28 in the areas where these operations are located;

29 (3) Adverse environmental impacts can result from the improper siting  
 30 of poultry operations, therefore, the need for establishing safe sites with  
 31 an adequate supply of natural resources, such as water, and an adequate ca-  
 32 pacity for the disposal of animal waste is a matter of statewide concern;

33 (4) Poultry operations require adequate control through state regula-  
 34 tory mechanisms so that such operations do not pose a threat to the state's  
 35 surface and ground water resources. The Idaho state department of agricul-  
 36 ture is in the best position to administer the requirements of this chapter  
 37 to provide an adequate regulatory framework for poultry operations.

38 25-4003. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter:

39 (1) "Animal feeding operation" or "AFO" means a lot or poultry opera-  
 40 tion where the following conditions are met:

41 (a) Poultry have been, are, or will be confined and fed or maintained  
 42 for a total of forty-five (45) days or more in any twelve (12) month pe-  
 43 riod; and

44 (b) Crops, vegetation, forage growth or postharvest residues are not  
 45 sustained in the normal growing season over any portion of the lot;

1 (2) "Animal waste" or "manure" means animal excrement, poultry litter,  
2 feathers, feed wastes, process wastewater or any other waste associated with  
3 the confinement of poultry including animal carcasses or parts thereof;

4 (3) "Department" means the Idaho state department of agriculture;

5 (4) "Director" means the director of the Idaho state department of  
6 agriculture or his designee;

7 (5) "Extra large poultry operation" means an AFO that confines the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 (a) One hundred ten thousand (110,000) or more turkeys;

10 (b) Sixty thousand (60,000) or more laying hens or broilers, if the AFO  
11 uses a liquid manure handling system;

12 (c) One hundred seventy-four thousand (174,000) or more laying hens, if  
13 the AFO uses other than a liquid manure handling system;

14 (d) Two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) or more chickens, other than  
15 laying hens, if the AFO uses other than a liquid manure handling system;

16 (e) Sixty thousand (60,000) or more ducks or geese, if the AFO uses  
17 other than a liquid manure handling system; or

18 (f) Ten thousand (10,000) or more ducks or geese, if the AFO uses a liq-  
19 uid manure handling system;

20 (6) "Land application" means the spreading on, or incorporation of, an-  
21 imal waste into the soil mantle primarily for beneficial purposes;

22 (7) "Large poultry operation" means an AFO that confines:

23 (a) Sixty thousand (60,000) to one hundred nine thousand nine hundred  
24 ninety-nine (109,999) turkeys;

25 (b) Thirty thousand (30,000) to fifty-nine thousand nine hundred  
26 ninety-nine (59,999) laying hens or broilers, if the AFO uses a liquid  
27 manure handling system;

28 (c) Eighty-two thousand (82,000) to one hundred seventy-three thousand  
29 nine hundred ninety-nine (173,999) laying hens, if the AFO uses other  
30 than a liquid manure handling system;

31 (d) One hundred twenty-five thousand (125,000) to two hundred forty-  
32 nine thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (249,999) chickens, other than  
33 laying hens, if the AFO uses other than a liquid manure handling system;

34 (e) Thirty thousand (30,000) to fifty-nine thousand nine hundred  
35 ninety-nine (59,999) ducks or geese, if the AFO uses other than a liquid  
36 manure handling system; or

37 (f) Five thousand (5,000) to nine thousand nine hundred ninety-nine  
38 (9,999) ducks or geese, if the AFO uses a liquid manure handling system;

39 (8) "Medium poultry operation" means any AFO that confines:

40 (a) Sixteen thousand five hundred (16,500) to fifty-nine thousand nine  
41 hundred ninety-nine (59,999) turkeys;

42 (b) Nine thousand (9,000) to twenty-nine thousand nine hundred ninety-  
43 nine (29,999) laying hens or broilers, if the AFO uses a liquid manure  
44 handling system;

45 (c) Twenty-five thousand (25,000) to eighty-one thousand nine hundred  
46 ninety-nine (81,999) laying hens, if the AFO uses other than a liquid  
47 manure handling system;

48 (d) Thirty-seven thousand five hundred (37,500) to one hundred twenty-  
49 four thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (124,999) chickens, other than  
50 laying hens, if the AFO uses other than a liquid manure handling system;

- 1 (e) Ten thousand (10,000) to twenty-nine thousand nine hundred ninety-  
2 nine (29,999) ducks or geese, if the AFO uses other than a liquid manure  
3 handling system; or
- 4 (f) One thousand five hundred (1,500) to four thousand nine hundred  
5 ninety-nine (4,999) ducks or geese, if the AFO uses a liquid manure  
6 handling system;
- 7 (9) "Modification" or "modified" means structural changes and alter-  
8 ations to the wastewater storage containment facility, including expansion  
9 that would require increased storage or containment capacity, or such  
10 changes that would alter the function of the wastewater storage containment  
11 facility;
- 12 (10) "Noncompliance" means a practice or condition that causes an unau-  
13 thorized discharge, or a practice or condition that, if left uncorrected,  
14 will cause an unauthorized discharge, or a condition on the poultry oper-  
15 ation that does not meet the requirements of the nutrient management stan-  
16 dard, nutrient management plan or 2004 American society of agricultural and  
17 biological engineers (ASABE) construction standards for wastewater storage  
18 and containment facilities;
- 19 (11) "National pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES)" means  
20 the point source permitting program established pursuant to section 402 of  
21 the federal clean water act;
- 22 (12) "Nutrient management plan" means a plan prepared in conformance  
23 with the nutrient management standard, provisions required by 40 CFR  
24 122.42(e) (1), or other equally protective standard for managing the amount,  
25 placement, form and timing of the land application of nutrients and soil  
26 amendments;
- 27 (13) "Nutrient management standard" means the 2007 publication by the  
28 United States department of agriculture, natural resources conservation  
29 service, conservation practice standard, nutrient management code 590 or  
30 other equally protective standard approved by the director;
- 31 (14) "Person" means any individual, association, partnership, firm,  
32 joint stock company, joint venture, trust, estate, political subdivision,  
33 public or private corporation, state or federal governmental department,  
34 agency or instrumentality, or any legal entity that is recognized by law as  
35 the subject of rights and duties;
- 36 (15) "Poultry" means chickens, turkeys, ducks and geese;
- 37 (16) "Process wastewater" means water directly or indirectly used in  
38 the operation of the AFO for any or all of the following: spillage or over-  
39 flow from animal or poultry watering systems; washing, cleaning or flushing  
40 pens, barns, manure pits or other AFO facilities; direct contact swimming,  
41 washing or spray cooling of animals; or dust control. Process wastewater  
42 also includes any water that comes into contact with any raw materials,  
43 products or byproducts including manure, litter, feathers, feed, milk, eggs  
44 or bedding;
- 45 (17) "Small poultry operation" is an AFO that has fewer than the follow-  
46 ing numbers of poultry:
- 47 (a) Sixteen thousand five hundred (16,500) turkeys;
- 48 (b) Nine thousand (9,000) laying hens or broilers, if the AFO uses a  
49 liquid manure handling system;

1 (c) Twenty-five thousand (25,000) laying hens, if the AFO uses other  
2 than a liquid manure handling system;

3 (d) Thirty-seven thousand five hundred (37,500) chickens, other than  
4 laying hens, if the AFO uses other than a liquid manure handling system;

5 (e) Ten thousand (10,000) ducks or geese, if the AFO uses other than a  
6 liquid manure handling system; or

7 (f) One thousand five hundred (1,500) ducks or geese, if the AFO uses a  
8 liquid manure handling system;

9 (18) "Unauthorized discharge" means a discharge of process wastewater  
10 or manure to state surface waters that is not authorized by an NPDES permit or  
11 the release of process wastewater or manure to waters of the state that does  
12 not meet the requirements of this chapter or water quality standards;

13 (19) "Wastewater storage and containment facilities" means the portion  
14 of an AFO where manure or process wastewater is stored or collected. This may  
15 include corrals, feeding areas, animal waste storage areas, waste collec-  
16 tion systems, waste conveyance systems, waste storage ponds, waste treat-  
17 ment lagoons or evaporative ponds;

18 (20) "Waters of the state" means all accumulations of water, surface and  
19 underground, natural and artificial, public and private, or parts thereof  
20 that are wholly or partially within, which flow through or border upon the  
21 state.

22 25-4004. PERMIT REQUIRED. (1) No person shall construct, operate or  
23 expand an extra large, large or medium poultry operation without first ob-  
24 taining a permit issued by the director.

25 (2) Two (2) or more poultry operations under common control of the same  
26 person may be considered, for purposes of permitting, to be a single poul-  
27 try operation, even though separately their capacity is less than an extra  
28 large, large or medium poultry operation, if they use a common wastewater  
29 storage and containment facilities or land application site.

30 (3) The provisions of this section shall be applicable only to those ex-  
31 tra large, large or medium poultry operations constructed or modified after  
32 the effective date of this act.

33 (4) A small poultry operation is not required to obtain a permit unless  
34 the operation is designated as described in section 25-4013, Idaho Code.

35 25-4005. PERMIT APPLICATION. (1) Every person who is required to ob-  
36 tain a permit under the provisions of this chapter shall submit a permit ap-  
37 plication to the department prior to facility operation or modification.

38 (2) Each application shall include information in sufficient detail to  
39 allow the director to make necessary application review decisions concern-  
40 ing design and environmental protection.

41 (3) An application fee shall be submitted with each permit application  
42 as follows:

43 (a) Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for any medium poultry operation;

44 (b) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for any large poultry operation;

45 (c) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for any extra large poultry opera-  
46 tion;

47 (d) No application fee is required if the poultry operation is desig-  
48 nated.

1 (4) Application fees may be credited to the applicant by the department  
2 and applied toward payment of the applicant's monthly fees, up to the amount  
3 of the application fee.

4 25-4006. EXISTING FACILITIES. (1) Existing extra large, large and  
5 medium poultry operation owners shall register with the department no later  
6 than July 1, 2011, upon forms provided by the department. Registration  
7 shall include information in sufficient detail to allow the director to make  
8 necessary application review decisions concerning design and environmental  
9 protection. Nothing in this section shall be construed to deny an existing  
10 operation the opportunity to apply for and receive a permit under the  
11 provisions of this chapter.

12 (2) Existing extra large and large poultry operations shall submit  
13 a nutrient management plan and closure plan to the director for approval  
14 within two (2) years of the original effective date of this act. An applica-  
15 tion fee shall not be required unless the operation is modified.

16 (3) The owner of an existing poultry operation shall not increase the  
17 one-time animal capacity of the operation by ten percent (10%) or more with-  
18 out first obtaining a permit for the expansion as required by the provisions  
19 of this chapter. The ten percent (10%) increase is measured cumulatively  
20 from the original effective date of this act or the date the owner first ob-  
21 tained a permit.

22 25-4007. PERMIT CONDITIONS. In addition to conditions imposed by de-  
23 partment rules or specific conditions determined by the director, the fol-  
24 lowing conditions shall apply to all permittees:

25 (1) The permittee shall comply with all conditions of the permit. The  
26 permit shall not relieve the permittee of the responsibility to comply with  
27 all other applicable local, state and federal laws;

28 (2) The permittee shall allow the director to enter and access the op-  
29 eration provided the biosecurity and sanitary standards of an operation are  
30 followed, so long as the standards and requirements do not inhibit the abil-  
31 ity of the director to:

32 (a) Enter at reasonable times upon the premises of a permitted opera-  
33 tion or where records are kept;

34 (b) Have access to and copy at reasonable times any records that must be  
35 kept under conditions of the permit;

36 (c) Inspect any operation or land application site; and

37 (d) Sample or monitor at reasonable times substances or parameters di-  
38 rectly related to compliance with the permit or these rules;

39 (3) The permittee shall furnish to the director, upon request and  
40 within a reasonable time, any information including copies of records re-  
41 quired by the permit or other applicable rules in order to determine whether  
42 cause exists for modifying or revoking the permit or to determine compliance  
43 with the permit or the provisions of this chapter or rules promulgated  
44 hereunder;

45 (4) If a permittee fails to begin construction or expansion of an opera-  
46 tion within two (2) years of the effective date of a permit, the director may  
47 void the permit and require a new application;

48 (5) The permittee shall report to the director:

1 (a) Verbally, no later than twenty-four (24) hours from the time the  
2 permittee knows or should reasonably know of any unauthorized dis-  
3 charge;

4 (b) In writing, within five (5) working days from the time a permittee  
5 knows or should reasonably know of any event that has resulted in or that  
6 may result in any unauthorized discharge; and

7 (c) In writing, when the permittee knows or should reasonably know of  
8 materially relevant facts not submitted, or incorrect information sub-  
9 mitted, in a permit application or any report or notice to the director;

10 (6) Dead animals shall be handled in accordance with department rules;

11 (7) An operation's wastewater storage and containment facilities shall  
12 be designed and constructed in accordance with the more stringent of either  
13 the United States department of agriculture natural resources conservation  
14 service (NRCS) or the American society of agricultural and biological engi-  
15 neers (ASABE) standards;

16 (8) All permitted operations shall have and implement a nutrient man-  
17 agement plan that has been reviewed and approved by the department;

18 (a) Nutrient management plans shall be amended if modifications to the  
19 operation, as outlined in the nutrient management standard or other  
20 conditions, warrant the amendment;

21 (b) Annual soil tests shall be conducted on all land application sites  
22 owned or leased by the permittee every year to determine compliance with  
23 the nutrient management plan and nutrient management standard. The di-  
24 rector may require more frequent soil tests if deemed necessary;

25 (c) Subsequent regulatory soil test(s) on fields that were identified  
26 as exceeding the phosphorus threshold shall be conducted. These tests  
27 shall be taken in the top one (1) foot of soil;

28 (9) All new or modified wastewater storage and containment facilities  
29 shall be inspected and approved by the department.

30 25-4008. SPECIFIC PERMIT CONDITIONS FOR EXTRA LARGE AND LARGE POUL-  
31 TRY OPERATIONS. (1) The legislature finds that specific conditions for ex-  
32 tra large and large poultry operations necessary for the protection of the  
33 environment may differ from operation to operation because of varying en-  
34 vironmental conditions and animal waste compositions. The director may es-  
35 tablish specific permit conditions on a case-by-case basis. Specific condi-  
36 tions shall take into consideration operation-specific characteristics in-  
37 cluding, but not limited to, the following:

38 (a) The geological and climatic nature of the poultry operation site;

39 (b) The size of the site and its proximity to ground and surface water;  
40 and

41 (c) The need for monitoring and recordkeeping necessary to determine if  
42 the poultry operation is being operated in conformance with its design  
43 and if its design is adequate to protect the environment.

44 (2) Conditions of the permit may specify:

45 (a) An odor management plan; or

46 (b) Any other condition the director finds necessary to protect the en-  
47 vironment.

48 (3) Compliance schedules. The director may establish a compliance  
49 schedule for operations as part of the permit conditions including:

- 1 (a) Specific steps or actions to be taken by the permittee to achieve  
2 compliance with applicable requirements or permit conditions; and  
3 (b) Dates by which those steps or actions are to be taken.  
4 (4) Monitoring requirements. Any poultry operation may be subject to  
5 monitoring requirements including, but not limited to, the following:  
6 (a) The type, installation, use and maintenance of monitoring equip-  
7 ment;  
8 (b) Monitoring or sampling methodology, frequency and locations;  
9 (c) Monitored substances or parameters;  
10 (d) Testing and analytical procedures; and  
11 (e) Reporting requirements including both frequency and form.  
12 (5) All large and extra large operations shall have a closure plan as  
13 approved by the director.

- 14 25-4009. PERMIT AMENDMENTS. (1) Minor amendments are those that do not  
15 have the potential to adversely impact the environment and shall be approved  
16 by the director. Minor amendments are generally limited to:  
17 (a) The correction of typographical errors;  
18 (b) Transfer of ownership or operational control in accordance with the  
19 provisions of this chapter; or  
20 (c) Certain minor changes in monitoring or operational conditions.  
21 (2) All amendments not considered minor shall be considered major  
22 amendments. The procedure for making major modifications shall be the same  
23 as that used for a new permit.

- 24 25-4010. TRANSFER OF PERMITS. (1) A new owner or operator of a poultry  
25 operation shall submit a transfer application to the director that includes  
26 at least the following:  
27 (a) Name and address of the new owner; and  
28 (b) Demonstration that any financial assurance required by this chap-  
29 ter remains valid and available for remediation and closure costs of the  
30 operation.  
31 The director shall review the financial assurance demonstration and within  
32 thirty (30) days of its receipt either approve the transfer or, if such  
33 demonstration is not adequate, deny the transfer.  
34 (2) An approved permit transfer shall be a minor amendment.  
35 (3) A notification of a permit transfer denial shall set forth the rea-  
36 sons for the denial, steps necessary to meet the requirements for a permit  
37 transfer and the opportunity for the applicant to request a hearing.  
38 (4) The new permittee shall assume all rights and responsibilities of  
39 the transferred permit.

- 40 25-4011. NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT RECORDKEEPING. The owner or operator of  
41 a poultry feeding operation that is required to have a nutrient management  
42 plan shall maintain accurate records. These records shall include at a mini-  
43 mum:  
44 (1) Regulatory soil samples that have been taken on cropland owned or  
45 operated as described in the poultry operation's nutrient management plan.  
46 Samples shall be taken by a certified soil sampler and tested by a laboratory  
47 that meets the requirements and performance standards of the North American



1 proficiency testing program, as part of nutrient management standard 590 or  
2 other methods as approved by the department;

3 (2) Annual soil analysis;

4 (3) The date and amount of manure and commercial fertilizer applied to  
5 individual poultry operation owned or operated fields;

6 (4) The date(s) that manure was exported, number of acres to which the  
7 manure is applied, the amount of manure exported and to whom the manure was  
8 exported; and

9 (5) Actual crop yields on owned or operated fields.

10 25-4012. FEES TO BE COLLECTED FOR PERMITTED POULTRY OPERATIONS. (1)  
11 The department may levy a fee for the purpose of carrying out the provisions  
12 of this chapter and rules promulgated hereunder.

13 (2) Fees collected shall be used for costs related to the implementa-  
14 tion of the provisions of this chapter.

15 (3) Fees shall be levied on a uniform basis in an amount reasonably nec-  
16 essary to cover the cost of the inspection program and the administration of  
17 the Idaho state department of agriculture poultry program. The department  
18 shall adjust the fees to be collected under the provisions of this section as  
19 necessary to meet the expenses of the inspections.

20 (4) Fees may not exceed five-thousandths (0.005) of a cent per poultry  
21 marketed or four-thousandths (0.004) of a cent per dozen eggs marketed for  
22 hatchery purposes.

23 (5) The person responsible for the marketing of poultry or eggs shall be  
24 responsible for the monthly payment of the fees and a summary of the number  
25 of poultry or eggs marketed. The fees accrued in any given month are due and  
26 payable no later than the twentieth day of the following month.

27 (6) All fees collected or received by the department under the provi-  
28 sions of this chapter shall be deposited in the "Poultry Inspection Fund,"  
29 which is hereby created in the state treasury. Interest earned on the in-  
30 vestment of idle moneys in the fund shall be paid to the fund. All moneys  
31 deposited into the fund are hereby continuously appropriated to the Idaho  
32 state department of agriculture to be used for inspections required pursuant  
33 to the provisions of this chapter.

34 (7) Past due fees shall be charged interest at the state approved rate.

35 (8) The department is authorized to audit the permittee for verifica-  
36 tion of the number of poultry or eggs marketed.

37 25-4013. DESIGNATION. (1) The director may, on a case-by-case basis,  
38 designate a poultry feeding operation as follows:

39 (a) A small poultry operation may be designated as a medium poultry  
40 operation and will be required to follow all permit requirements for a  
41 medium poultry operation if it is determined the operation is a signifi-  
42 cant contributor of pollutants to waters of the state;

43 (b) A medium poultry operation may be designated as a large poultry  
44 operation and will be required to follow all permit requirements for a  
45 large poultry operation if:

46 (i) There is an unauthorized discharge into waters of the state  
47 through a manmade ditch, flushing system or other similar manmade  
48 device;

1 (ii) There is an unauthorized discharge directly into waters  
2 of the state that originate outside of and pass over, across  
3 or through the poultry operation or otherwise come into direct  
4 contact with the animals confined in the operation; or

5 (iii) There are repeated instances of noncompliance.

6 (2) The designation shall be provided to the operator of the poultry  
7 feeding operation in writing, setting forth the basis for the director's de-  
8 cision.

9 (3) The director shall consider the following factors when deciding  
10 whether to designate a poultry feeding operation:

11 (a) Size of the poultry feeding operation and the amount of manure,  
12 process wastewater and runoff reaching waters of the state;

13 (b) Location of the poultry feeding operation relative to waters of the  
14 state;

15 (c) Means of conveyance of manure, process wastewater and runoff into  
16 waters of the state; and

17 (d) Slope, vegetation, precipitation and other factors affecting the  
18 likelihood or frequency of discharge of manure, process wastewater or  
19 runoff into waters of the state.

20 (4) Upon request by the operator, the director shall redesignate a  
21 poultry operation previously designated under the provisions of subsection  
22 (1) of this section, if the poultry operation is no longer a significant  
23 contributor of pollution to waters of the state. Such redesignation shall be  
24 provided to the operator in writing and any fees paid by the operation due to  
25 the designation will not be refundable to the operation.

26 25-4014. AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE RULES. (1) The legislature finds  
27 that poultry operations require adequate control through state regulatory  
28 mechanisms in order to prevent such operations from posing a threat to the  
29 state's surface and ground water resources. The department of agriculture  
30 is in the best position to administer and implement rules to provide an  
31 adequate regulatory framework for poultry feeding operations.

32 (2) The director is authorized to modify the department's administra-  
33 tive rules and to promulgate new rules for permitting and regulating poultry  
34 operations.

35 25-4015. VIOLATIONS. (1) The failure by a permittee to comply with the  
36 provisions of this chapter and rules promulgated hereunder, or with any per-  
37 mit condition, shall be deemed a violation.

38 (2) Any person who knowingly makes a false statement, representation  
39 or certification in any application, report, document or record developed,  
40 maintained or submitted pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, rules  
41 promulgated hereunder, or the conditions of a permit, shall be deemed to have  
42 committed a violation.

43 (3) Any unauthorized discharge from a poultry operation shall be deemed  
44 a violation.

45 (4) Any person violating any provision of this chapter, the rules  
46 promulgated hereunder, permit or orders issued shall be liable for a civil  
47 penalty as set forth in section 25-4016, Idaho Code.

48 (5) The director may revoke a permit for:

1 (a) A material violation of any condition of a permit; or

2 (b) If the permit was obtained by misrepresentation or failure to dis-  
3 close all relevant facts.

4 (6) Prior to revoking a permit, the director shall issue a notice of  
5 intent to revoke, which shall become final unless the permittee timely  
6 requests an administrative hearing in writing. Such hearing shall be con-  
7 ducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code.

8 25-4016. CIVIL PENALTIES. Any person determined in an action con-  
9 ducted under the provisions of chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code, to have  
10 violated any provision of this chapter, rules promulgated hereunder, or any  
11 permit or order issued, shall be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed ten  
12 thousand dollars (\$10,000) per violation, or one thousand dollars (\$1,000)  
13 for each day of a continuing violation. Moneys collected for violations  
14 shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the state school  
15 building fund. The imposition or computation of monetary penalties shall  
16 take into account the seriousness of the violation, good faith efforts to  
17 comply with the law, the economic impact of the penalty on the violator, the  
18 economic benefit, if any, of the violation and such other matters as justice  
19 requires.

20 25-4017. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES FOR LARGE POULTRY OPERATIONS. The owner  
21 of a large poultry operation shall submit, as part of the permit application:

22 (1) A bond, or equivalent financial assurance mechanisms as provided in  
23 section 25-4018(2), Idaho Code, in the amount of one hundred thousand dol-  
24 lars (\$100,000); and

25 (2) A closure plan for the poultry operation as approved by the direc-  
26 tor.

27 25-4018. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES FOR EXTRA LARGE POULTRY OPERATIONS. (1)  
28 The owner of an extra large poultry operation shall submit, as part of the  
29 permit application, a detailed written estimate in current dollars of the  
30 cost of hiring a third party to:

31 (a) Remediate potential contamination caused by the operation of the  
32 poultry facility or of any potential spill or breach, including, with-  
33 out limitation, remediation pursuant to the poultry operation's spill  
34 contingency plan; and

35 (b) Close the poultry operation in accordance with an approved closure  
36 plan.

37 The department must approve the cost estimate as reasonable prior to the is-  
38 suance of a permit.

39 (2) Financial assurance mechanisms. The owner shall submit, as part  
40 of the permit application, evidence of financial assurance to cover the ap-  
41 proved remediation and closure cost estimates. Provided however, if the de-  
42 partment has previously determined that a complete application has been sub-  
43 mitted, the owner shall submit the remediation and closure cost estimates  
44 and financial assurance mechanism to the department for approval prior to  
45 the issuance of a permit. The mechanism used to demonstrate financial assur-  
46 ance shall be submitted to the department for approval and shall ensure that  
47 the funds necessary to meet the approved costs of remediation and closure

1 shall be available whenever they are needed. The financial assurance mecha-  
2 nisms allowed for poultry operations shall include any mechanism or a combi-  
3 nation of mechanisms meeting the criteria set forth below or other mechanism  
4 approved by the department.

5 (a) Trust fund.

6 (i) An owner may satisfy the requirements by establishing a trust  
7 fund and submitting an originally signed duplicate of the trust  
8 agreement to the department. The trustee must be an entity that  
9 has the authority to act as a trustee and whose trust operations  
10 are regulated and examined by a federal or state agency;

11 (ii) After the trust fund is established, whenever the current re-  
12 mediation and closure cost estimates change, the owner must com-  
13 pare the new estimates with the trustee's most recent annual valu-  
14 ation of the trust fund. If the value of the fund is less than the  
15 amount of the new estimate, the owner, within sixty (60) days after  
16 the change in the cost estimate, must either deposit an amount into  
17 the fund so that its value after the deposit is at least equal to  
18 the amount of the current remediation or closure cost estimate, or  
19 obtain other financial assurance as specified in this subsection  
20 to cover the difference;

21 (iii) If the value of the trust fund is greater than the total  
22 amount of the current remediation or closure cost estimate, the  
23 owner may submit a written request to the department for release  
24 of the amount in excess of the current remediation or closure cost  
25 estimate;

26 (iv) If an owner substitutes other financial assurance as spec-  
27 ified in this subsection for all or part of the trust fund, he  
28 may submit a written request to the department for release of  
29 the amount in excess of the current remediation or closure cost  
30 estimate covered by the trust fund.

31 (b) Surety bond.

32 (i) An owner may satisfy the requirements by obtaining a payment  
33 or performance surety bond and submitting a certified copy of the  
34 bond to the department. The surety company issuing the bond must,  
35 at a minimum, be among those listed as acceptable sureties on fed-  
36 eral bonds in circular 570 of the U.S. department of the treasury;

37 (ii) The penal sum of the bond must be in an amount at least equal  
38 to the current remediation and closure cost estimates;

39 (iii) Under the terms of the bond, the surety shall become liable  
40 on the bond obligation when: (1) the owner fails to perform as  
41 guaranteed by the bond; or (2) the department notifies the owner  
42 that he has failed to meet requirements as provided by this chap-  
43 ter;

44 (iv) Under the terms of the bond, the surety may cancel the bond by  
45 sending notice of cancellation by certified mail to the owner and  
46 the department one hundred twenty (120) days in advance of cancel-  
47 lation. Cancellation may not occur, however, during the one hun-  
48 dred twenty (120) days beginning with the date of receipt of the  
49 notice by the department, as evidenced by the return receipt. The  
50 surety shall remain liable on the bond for cost of remediation and

1 closure unless the owner obtains a replacement financial assur-  
2 ance mechanism, approved by the department, that covers both the  
3 existing and future costs of remediation and closure.

4 (c) Letter of credit.

5 (i) An owner may satisfy the requirements by obtaining an irrev-  
6 ocable standby letter of credit and submitting a certified copy of  
7 the letter to the department. The issuing institution must be an  
8 entity that has the authority to issue letters of credit and whose  
9 letter of credit operations are regulated and examined by a fed-  
10 eral or state agency;

11 (ii) The letter of credit shall be accompanied by a letter from  
12 the owner referring to the letter of credit by number, issuing in-  
13 stituted and date, and providing the following information: the  
14 type of poultry operation, name and address of the poultry opera-  
15 tion and the amount of funds assured for remediation and closure of  
16 the poultry operation by the letter of credit;

17 (iii) The letter of credit shall be irrevocable and issued for a  
18 period of at least one (1) year. The letter of credit shall provide  
19 that the expiration date shall be automatically extended for a  
20 period of at least one (1) year unless, at least one hundred twenty  
21 (120) days before the current expiration date, the issuing insti-  
22 tution notifies both the owner and the department by certified  
23 mail of a decision not to extend the expiration date. Cancellation  
24 may not occur, however, during the one hundred twenty (120) days  
25 beginning with the date of receipt of the notice by the department,  
26 as evidenced by the return receipt. The issuing institution shall  
27 remain liable on the letter of credit for costs of remediation  
28 and closure unless the owner obtains a replacement financial  
29 assurance mechanism, approved by the department, that covers both  
30 the existing and future costs of remediation and closure;

31 (iv) The letter of credit must be issued in an amount at least  
32 equal to the current remediation and closure cost estimates.

33 (d) Insurance.

34 (i) An owner may satisfy the requirements by obtaining remedi-  
35 ation and closure insurance and submitting a certificate of such  
36 insurance to the department. At a minimum, the insurer must be li-  
37 censed to transact the business of insurance, or eligible to pro-  
38 vide insurance as an excess or surplus lines insurer, in one (1) or  
39 more states;

40 (ii) The insurance policy must be issued for a face amount at least  
41 equal to the current remediation and closure cost estimates. The  
42 term "face amount" means the total amount the insurer is obligated  
43 to pay under the policy. Actual payments by the insurer shall not  
44 change the face amount, although the insurer's future liability  
45 shall be lowered by the amount of the payments;

46 (iii) Each insurance policy must contain a provision allowing as-  
47 signment of the policy to a successor. Such assignment may be con-  
48 ditional upon consent of the insurer, provided such consent is not  
49 unreasonably refused;

1 (iv) The automatic renewal of the policy shall, at a minimum, pro-  
2 vide the insured with the option of renewal at the face amount of  
3 the expiring policy. The insurer may cancel the policy by send-  
4 ing notice by certified mail to the owner and the department one  
5 hundred twenty (120) days in advance. Cancellation may not occur,  
6 however, during the one hundred twenty (120) days beginning with  
7 the date of receipt of the notice by the department, as evidenced  
8 by the return receipt. The insurer shall remain liable on the pol-  
9 icy for costs of remediation and closure unless the owner obtains  
10 a replacement financial assurance mechanism, approved by the de-  
11 partment, that covers both the existing and future costs of reme-  
12 diation and closure.

13 (e) Corporate guarantee.

14 (i) An owner may satisfy the requirements by obtaining a written  
15 guarantee and submitting a certified copy of the guarantee and ap-  
16 propriate letter from the guarantor. The guarantor must be the di-  
17 rect or higher-tier parent corporation of the owner, a firm whose  
18 parent corporation is also the parent corporation of the owner, or  
19 a firm with a substantial business relationship with the owner;

20 (ii) If the guarantor's parent company is also the parent corpo-  
21 ration of the owner, a letter from the guarantor's chief financial  
22 officer must describe the value received in consideration of the  
23 guarantee;

24 (iii) If the guarantor is a firm with a substantial business rela-  
25 tionship with the owner, the letter must describe the substantial  
26 business relationship and the value received in consideration of  
27 the guarantee;

28 (iv) The terms of the guarantee shall provide that if the owner  
29 fails to perform remediation or closure of a poultry operation  
30 covered by the guarantee, the guarantor shall: (1) perform, or pay  
31 a third party to perform, remediation and closure as required; or  
32 (2) establish a fully funded trust fund as specified in paragraph  
33 (a) of this subsection in the name of the owner;

34 (v) The guarantee shall remain in force for as long as the owner  
35 must comply with the applicable financial assurance requirements,  
36 unless the guarantor sends notice of cancellation by certified  
37 mail to the owner and to the department one hundred twenty (120)  
38 days in advance. Cancellation may not occur, however, during the  
39 one hundred twenty (120) days beginning on the date of receipt of  
40 the notice by the department, as evidenced by the return receipt.  
41 The guarantor shall remain liable on the guarantee for costs of  
42 remediation and closure unless the owner obtains a replacement  
43 financial assurance mechanism, approved by the department, that  
44 covers both the existing and future costs of remediation and  
45 closure.

46 (f) If a financial assurance mechanism is canceled by the issuing  
47 entity, the owner shall obtain alternate financial assurance, within  
48 sixty (60) days of receipt of notice of cancellation by the department,  
49 which shall be submitted to the department for approval. The alternate  
50 financial assurance must become effective not later than the effective

1 date of cancellation or termination of the existing financial assur-  
2 ance. An owner may cancel a financial assurance mechanism only after  
3 first obtaining an alternative mechanism approved by the department.

4 (3) Continuous coverage. The owner shall provide continuous cover-  
5 age for remediation and closure until released from financial assurance  
6 requirements by the department.

7 (4) Adjustment of financial assurance amounts. The following provi-  
8 sions apply to the adjustment of the amount of financial assurance:

9 (a) The owner shall increase the remediation and closure cost estimates  
10 and the amount of financial assurance if changes to the closure plan or  
11 poultry operation conditions or operations increase the cost estimates  
12 at any time during the active life of the poultry operation. The cost  
13 estimates and financial assurance shall also be adjusted to reflect  
14 inflation. Increased cost estimates and financial assurance shall be  
15 submitted to the department for approval;

16 (b) The owner may reduce the remediation and closure cost estimates and  
17 the amount of financial assurance if the cost estimates exceed the maxi-  
18 mum cost of remediation or closure at any time during the active life of  
19 the poultry operation. The owner shall first notify the department and  
20 obtain its approval of the justification for the reduction of the reme-  
21 diation and closure cost estimates.

22 (5) Release from financial assurance requirements. When remediation  
23 and closure conditions required by a permit are complete, financial assur-  
24 ance shall be released by the department as follows:

25 (a) When the department determines that initial closure activities  
26 have been completed, financial assurance, less identified retainages,  
27 shall be released;

28 (b) A sufficient amount of financial assurance shall be retained by the  
29 department, up to five (5) years after closure, to ensure proper remedi-  
30 ation and closure of a poultry operation;

31 (c) Release of any amount of financial assurance shall not release  
32 the owner from any responsibility for meeting remediation or closure  
33 requirements.

34 (6) Owner liability. Nothing in this section shall relieve the owner of  
35 liability for remediation and closure costs. The use of all financial assur-  
36 ance shall not relieve the owner from responsibility and liability for reme-  
37 diation and closure costs.

38 25-4019. SITING REQUIREMENTS FOR EXTRA LARGE POULTRY OPERATIONS. Any  
39 applicant for a permit for an extra large poultry operation, as required pur-  
40 suant to the provisions of this chapter, shall also comply with the provi-  
41 sions of chapter 42, title 25, Idaho Code.

42 25-4020. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT -- RECORDS. Information obtained by a pub-  
43 lic agency pursuant to this chapter or its associated rules is subject to  
44 public disclosure pursuant to the provisions of chapter 3, title 9, Idaho  
45 Code.

46 25-4021. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this chapter or its appli-  
47 cation to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not

1 affect other provisions or applications of this chapter which can be given  
2 effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the pro-  
3 visions of this chapter are severable.

4 25-4022. CONFLICTS. If a conflict arises between this chapter and  
5 rules of the department regulating poultry operations, the most restrictive  
6 provision shall apply.

7 SECTION 2. That Title 25, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended  
8 by the addition thereto of a NEW CHAPTER, to be known and designated as Chap-  
9 ter 41, Title 25, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

10 CHAPTER 41  
11 SWINE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ACT

12 25-4101. SHORT TITLE. This chapter shall be known as the "Swine Envi-  
13 ronmental Control Act."

14 25-4102. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSES. The legislature finds  
15 that:

16 (1) The swine industry is experiencing rapid changes such as increased  
17 sophistication of production technology, increased demand for capital to  
18 maintain or expand operations, consolidation of production and packing  
19 facilities and changing consumer demands and markets;

20 (2) Swine operations increase social and environmental impacts in the  
21 areas where these operations are located;

22 (3) Adverse environmental impacts can result from the improper siting  
23 of swine operations, therefore, the need for establishing safe sites with an  
24 adequate supply of natural resources, such as water, and an adequate capac-  
25 ity for the disposal of animal waste is a matter of statewide concern;

26 (4) Swine operations require adequate control through state regulatory  
27 mechanisms so that such operations do not pose a threat to the state's sur-  
28 face and ground water resources. The Idaho state department of agriculture  
29 is in the best position to administer the requirements of this chapter to  
30 provide an adequate regulatory framework for swine operations.

31 25-4103. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter:

32 (1) "Animal feeding operation" or "AFO" means a lot or swine operation  
33 where the following conditions are met:

34 (a) Swine have been, are, or will be confined and fed or maintained for  
35 a total of forty-five (45) days or more in any twelve (12) month period;  
36 and

37 (b) Crops, vegetation, forage growth or postharvest residues are not  
38 sustained in the normal growing season over any portion of the lot;

39 (2) "Animal waste" or "manure" means animal excrement, feed wastes,  
40 process wastewater or any other waste associated with the confinement of  
41 swine including animal carcasses or parts thereof;

42 (3) "Department" means the Idaho state department of agriculture;

43 (4) "Director" means the director of the Idaho state department of  
44 agriculture or his designee;



- 1 (5) "Extra large swine operation" means an AFO that confines at a mini-  
2 mum:
- 3 (a) Fifty thousand (50,000) swine weighing fifty-five (55) pounds or  
4 more;
- 5 (b) Two hundred thousand (200,000) swine weighing less than fifty-five  
6 (55) pounds;
- 7 (6) "Land application" means the spreading on, or incorporation of, an-  
8 imal waste into the soil mantle primarily for beneficial purposes;
- 9 (7) "Large swine operation" means an AFO that confines:
- 10 (a) Two thousand five hundred (2,500) to forty-nine thousand nine  
11 hundred ninety-nine (49,999) swine weighing fifty-five (55) pounds or  
12 more;
- 13 (b) Ten thousand (10,000) to one hundred ninety-nine thousand nine  
14 hundred ninety-nine (199,999) swine weighing less than fifty-five (55)  
15 pounds;
- 16 (8) "Medium swine operation" means any AFO that confines:
- 17 (a) Seven hundred fifty (750) to two thousand four hundred ninety-nine  
18 (2,499) swine weighing fifty-five (55) pounds or more;
- 19 (b) Three thousand (3,000) to nine thousand nine hundred ninety-nine  
20 (9,999) swine weighing less than fifty-five (55) pounds;
- 21 (9) "Modification" or "modified" means structural changes and alter-  
22 ations to the wastewater storage containment facility including expansion  
23 that would require increased storage or containment capacity or such changes  
24 that would alter the function of the wastewater storage containment facil-  
25 ity;
- 26 (10) "Noncompliance" means a practice or condition that causes an unau-  
27 thorized discharge, or a practice or condition that, if left uncorrected,  
28 will cause an unauthorized discharge; or a condition on the swine operation  
29 that does not meet the requirements of the nutrient management standard,  
30 nutrient management plan or 2004 American society of agricultural and  
31 biological engineers (ASABE) construction standards for wastewater storage  
32 and containment facilities;
- 33 (11) "National pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES)" means  
34 the point source permitting program established pursuant to section 402 of  
35 the federal clean water act;
- 36 (12) "Nutrient management plan" means a plan prepared in conformance  
37 with the nutrient management standard, provisions required by 40 CFR  
38 122.42(e)(1), or other equally protective standard for managing the amount,  
39 placement, form and timing of the land application of nutrients and soil  
40 amendments;
- 41 (13) "Nutrient management standard" means the 2007 publication by the  
42 United States department of agriculture, natural resources conservation  
43 service, conservation practice standard, nutrient management code 590 or  
44 other equally protective standard approved by the director;
- 45 (14) "Person" means any individual, association, partnership, firm,  
46 joint stock company, joint venture, trust, estate, political subdivision,  
47 public or private corporation, state or federal governmental department,  
48 agency or instrumentality, or any legal entity that is recognized by law as  
49 the subject of rights and duties;

1 (15) "Process wastewater" means water directly or indirectly used in  
2 the operation of the AFO for any or all of the following: spillage or over-  
3 flow from animal or swine watering systems; washing, cleaning or flushing  
4 pens, barns, manure pits or other AFO facilities; direct contact swimming,  
5 washing or spray cooling of animals; or dust control. Process wastewater  
6 also includes any water that comes into contact with any raw materials,  
7 products or byproducts including manure, feed, milk, eggs or bedding;

8 (16) "Small swine operation" is an AFO that has fewer than the following  
9 numbers of swine:

10 (a) Seven hundred fifty (750) swine weighing fifty-five (55) pounds or  
11 more;

12 (b) Three thousand (3,000) swine weighing less than fifty-five (55)  
13 pounds;

14 (17) "Swine" means any member of the family of suidae;

15 (18) "Unauthorized discharge" means a discharge of process wastewater  
16 or manure to state surface waters that is not authorized by an NPDES permit or  
17 the release of process wastewater or manure to waters of the state that does  
18 not meet the requirements of this chapter or water quality standards;

19 (19) "Wastewater storage and containment facilities" means the portion  
20 of an AFO where manure or process wastewater is stored or collected. This may  
21 include corrals, feeding areas, animal waste storage areas, waste collec-  
22 tion systems, waste conveyance systems, waste storage ponds, waste treat-  
23 ment lagoons or evaporative ponds;

24 (20) "Waters of the state" means all accumulations of water, surface and  
25 underground, natural and artificial, public and private, or parts thereof  
26 that are wholly or partially within, which flow through or border upon the  
27 state.

28 25-4104. PERMIT REQUIRED. (1) No person shall construct, operate or  
29 expand an extra large, large or medium swine operation without first obtain-  
30 ing a permit issued by the director.

31 (2) Two (2) or more swine operations under common control of the same  
32 person may be considered, for purposes of permitting, to be a single swine  
33 operation, even though separately their capacity is less than an extra  
34 large, large or medium swine operation, if they use a common wastewater  
35 storage and containment facilities or land application site.

36 (3) This section shall be applicable only to those extra large, large or  
37 medium swine operations constructed or modified after the effective date of  
38 this act.

39 (4) A small swine operation is not required to obtain a permit unless  
40 the operation is designated as described in section 25-4113, Idaho Code.

41 25-4105. PERMIT APPLICATION. (1) Every person who is required to ob-  
42 tain a permit under the provisions of this chapter shall submit a permit ap-  
43 plication to the department prior to facility operation or modification.

44 (2) Each application shall include information in sufficient detail to  
45 allow the director to make necessary application review decisions concern-  
46 ing design and environmental protection.

47 (3) An application fee shall be submitted with each permit application  
48 as follows:

- 1 (a) Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for any medium swine operation;  
2 (b) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for any large swine operation;  
3 (c) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for any extra large swine operation;  
4 (d) No application fee is required if the swine operation is desig-  
5 nated.  
6 (4) Application fees may be credited to the applicant by the department  
7 of agriculture and applied toward payment of the applicant's monthly fees,  
8 up to the amount of the application fee.

9 25-4106. EXISTING SWINE OPERATIONS. (1) Existing extra large, large  
10 and medium swine operation owners shall register on a registration form with  
11 the department no later than July 1, 2011, upon forms provided by the depart-  
12 ment. Registration shall include information in sufficient detail to al-  
13 low the director to make necessary application review decisions concerning  
14 design and environmental protection. Nothing in this section shall be con-  
15 strued to deny an existing operation the opportunity to apply for a permit  
16 under the provisions of this chapter.

17 (2) Existing extra large and large swine operations shall submit a nu-  
18 trient management plan and closure plan to the director for approval within  
19 two (2) years of the original effective date of this act. An application fee  
20 shall not be required unless the operation is modified.

21 (3) The owner of an existing swine operation shall not increase the one-  
22 time animal capacity of the operation by ten percent (10%) or more without  
23 first obtaining a permit for the expansion as required by the provisions of  
24 this chapter. The ten percent (10%) increase is measured cumulatively from  
25 the original effective date of this act or the date the owner first obtained a  
26 permit.

27 25-4107. PERMIT CONDITIONS. In addition to conditions imposed by de-  
28 partment rules or specific conditions determined by the director, the fol-  
29 lowing conditions shall apply to all permittees:

30 (1) The permittee shall comply with all conditions of the permit. The  
31 permit shall not relieve the permittee of the responsibility to comply with  
32 all other applicable local, state and federal laws;

33 (2) The permittee shall allow the director to enter and access the op-  
34 eration provided the biosecurity and sanitary standards of an operation are  
35 followed, so long as the standards and requirements do not inhibit the direc-  
36 tor's ability to:

- 37 (a) Enter at reasonable times upon the premises of a permitted opera-  
38 tion or where records are kept;  
39 (b) Have access to and copy at reasonable times any records that must be  
40 kept under conditions of the permit;  
41 (c) Inspect any operation or land application site; and  
42 (d) Sample or monitor at reasonable times substances or parameters di-  
43 rectly related to compliance with the permit or rules promulgated here-  
44 under;

45 (3) The permittee shall furnish to the director, upon request and  
46 within a reasonable time, any information including copies of records re-  
47 quired by the permit or other applicable rules in order to determine whether  
48 cause exists for modifying or revoking the permit or to determine compliance

1 with the permit or the provisions of this chapter or rules promulgated  
2 hereunder;

3 (4) If a permittee fails to begin construction or expansion of an opera-  
4 tion within two (2) years of the effective date of a permit, the director may  
5 void the permit and require a new application;

6 (5) The permittee shall report to the director:

7 (a) Verbally, no later than twenty-four (24) hours from the time the  
8 permittee knows or should reasonably know of any unauthorized dis-  
9 charge;

10 (b) In writing, within five (5) working days from the time a permittee  
11 knows or should reasonably know of any event that has resulted or that  
12 may result in any unauthorized discharge; and

13 (c) In writing, when the permittee knows or should reasonably know of  
14 materially relevant facts not submitted or incorrect information sub-  
15 mitted in a permit application or any report or notice to the director;

16 (6) Dead animals shall be handled in accordance with department rules;

17 (7) A swine operation's wastewater storage and containment facilities  
18 shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the more stringent of  
19 either the United States department of agriculture natural resources con-  
20 servation service (NRCS) or the American society of agricultural and biolog-  
21 ical engineers (ASABE) standards;

22 (8) All permitted swine operations shall have and implement a nutri-  
23 ent management plan that has been reviewed and approved by the department of  
24 agriculture:

25 (a) Nutrient management plans shall be amended if modifications to the  
26 operation, as outlined in the nutrient management standard or other  
27 conditions, warrant the amendment;

28 (b) Annual soil tests shall be conducted on all land application sites  
29 owned or leased by the permittee every year to determine compliance with  
30 the nutrient management plan and nutrient management standard. The di-  
31 rector may require more frequent soil tests if deemed necessary;

32 (c) Subsequent regulatory soil test(s) on fields that were identified  
33 as exceeding the phosphorus threshold will be conducted. These tests  
34 shall be taken in the top one (1) foot of soil;

35 (9) All new or modified wastewater storage and containment facilities  
36 shall be inspected and approved by the department.

37 25-4108. SPECIFIC PERMIT CONDITIONS FOR EXTRA LARGE AND LARGE SWINE  
38 OPERATIONS. (1) The legislature finds that specific conditions for ex-  
39 tra large and large swine operations necessary for the protection of the  
40 environment may differ from operation to operation because of varying  
41 environmental conditions and animal waste compositions. The director may  
42 establish specific permit conditions on a case-by-case basis. Specific con-  
43 ditions shall take into consideration operation-specific characteristics  
44 including, but not limited to, the following:

45 (a) The geological and climatic nature of the swine operation site;

46 (b) The size of the site and its proximity to ground and surface water;

47 (c) The need for monitoring and recordkeeping necessary to determine if  
48 the swine operation is being operated in conformance with its design and  
49 if its design is adequate to protect the environment.

- 1 (2) Conditions of the permit may specify:  
2 (a) An odor management plan; or  
3 (b) Any other condition the director finds necessary to protect the en-  
4 vironment.  
5 (3) Compliance schedules. The director may establish a compliance  
6 schedule for operations as part of the permit conditions including:  
7 (a) Specific steps or actions to be taken by the permittee to achieve  
8 compliance with applicable requirements or permit conditions; and  
9 (b) Dates by which those steps or actions are to be taken.  
10 (4) Monitoring requirements. Any swine operation may be subject to  
11 monitoring requirements including, but not limited to, the following:  
12 (a) The type, installation, use and maintenance of monitoring equip-  
13 ment;  
14 (b) Monitoring or sampling methodology, frequency and locations;  
15 (c) Monitored substances or parameters;  
16 (d) Testing and analytical procedures; and  
17 (e) Reporting requirements including both frequency and form.  
18 (5) All large and extra large operations shall have a closure plan as  
19 approved by the director.

- 20 25-4109. PERMIT AMENDMENTS. (1) Minor amendments are those that do not  
21 have the potential to adversely impact the environment and shall be approved  
22 by the director. Minor amendments are generally limited to:  
23 (a) The correction of typographical errors;  
24 (b) Transfer of ownership or operational control in accordance with the  
25 provisions of this chapter; or  
26 (c) Certain minor changes in monitoring or operational conditions.  
27 (2) All amendments not considered minor shall be considered major  
28 amendments. The procedure for making major modifications shall be the same  
29 as that used for a new permit.

- 30 25-4110. TRANSFER OF PERMITS. (1) A new owner or operator of a swine  
31 operation shall submit a transfer application to the director that includes  
32 at least the following:  
33 (a) Name and address of the new owner; and  
34 (b) Demonstration that any financial assurance required by this chap-  
35 ter remains valid and available for remediation and closure costs of the  
36 operation.  
37 The director shall review the financial assurance demonstration and within  
38 thirty (30) days of its receipt either approve the transfer or, if such  
39 demonstration is not adequate, deny the transfer.  
40 (2) An approved permit transfer shall be a minor amendment.  
41 (3) A notification of a permit transfer denial shall set forth the rea-  
42 sons for the denial, steps necessary to meet the requirements for a permit  
43 transfer and the opportunity for the applicant to request a hearing.  
44 (4) The new permittee shall assume all rights and responsibilities of  
45 the transferred permit.

1           25-4111. NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT RECORDKEEPING. The owner or operator of  
2 a swine operation that is required to have a nutrient management plan shall  
3 maintain accurate records. These records shall include at a minimum:

4           (1) Regulatory soil samples that have been taken on cropland owned or  
5 operated as described in the swine operation's nutrient management plan.  
6 Samples shall be taken by a certified soil sampler and tested by a laboratory  
7 that meets the requirements and performance standards of the North American  
8 proficiency testing program, as part of nutrient management standard 590 or  
9 other methods as approved by the department;

10          (2) Annual soil analysis;

11          (3) The date and amount of manure and commercial fertilizer applied to  
12 individual swine operation owned or operated fields;

13          (4) The date(s) that manure was exported, number of acres to which the  
14 manure is applied, the amount of manure exported and to whom the manure was  
15 exported; and

16          (5) Actual crop yields on owned or operated fields.

17           25-4112. FEES TO BE COLLECTED FOR PERMITTED SWINE OPERATIONS. (1) The  
18 department may levy a fee on permitted swine operations for the purpose of  
19 carrying out the provisions of this chapter and rules promulgated hereunder.

20          (2) Fees collected shall be used for costs related to the implementa-  
21 tion of the provisions of this chapter.

22          (3) Fees shall be levied on a uniform basis in an amount reasonably nec-  
23 essary to cover the cost of the inspection program and the administration of  
24 the department of agriculture swine program. The department shall adjust  
25 the fees to be collected under the provisions of this section as necessary to  
26 meet the expenses of the inspections.

27          (4) Fees may not exceed twenty-five cents (25¢) per swine marketed.

28          (5) The person responsible for the marketing of swine shall be respon-  
29 sible for the monthly payment of the fees and a summary of the number of swine  
30 marketed. The fees accrued in any given month are due and payable no later  
31 than the twentieth day of the following month.

32          (6) All fees collected or received by the department under the provi-  
33 sions of this chapter shall be deposited in the "Swine Inspection Fund,"  
34 which fund is hereby created in the state treasury. Interest earned on  
35 the investment of idle moneys in the fund shall be paid to the fund. All  
36 moneys deposited in the fund are hereby continuously appropriated to the  
37 Idaho state department of agriculture to be used in the inspections required  
38 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

39          (7) Past due fees shall be charged interest at the state approved rate.

40          (8) The department is authorized to audit the permittee for verifica-  
41 tion of the number of swine marketed.

42           25-4113. DESIGNATION. (1) The director may, on a case-by-case basis,  
43 designate a swine feeding operation as follows:

44          (a) A small swine operation may be designated as a medium swine opera-  
45 tion and will be required to follow all permit requirements for a medium  
46 swine operation if it is determined the operation is a significant con-  
47 tributor of pollutants to waters of the state;

1 (b) A medium swine operation may be designated as a large swine opera-  
2 tion and will be required to follow all permit requirements for a large  
3 swine operation if:

4 (i) There is an unauthorized discharge into waters of the state  
5 through a manmade ditch, flushing system, or other similar manmade  
6 device;

7 (ii) There is an unauthorized discharge directly into waters  
8 of the state that originate outside of and pass over, across or  
9 through the swine operation or otherwise come into direct contact  
10 with the animals confined in the operation; or

11 (iii) There are repeated instances of noncompliance;

12 (2) The designation shall be provided to the operator of the swine feed-  
13 ing operation in writing, setting forth the basis for the director's deci-  
14 sion;

15 (3) The director shall consider the following factors when deciding  
16 whether to designate a swine feeding operation:

17 (a) Size of the swine feeding operation and the amount of manure,  
18 process wastewater and runoff reaching waters of the state;

19 (b) Location of the swine feeding operation relative to waters of the  
20 state;

21 (c) Means of conveyance of manure, process wastewater and runoff into  
22 waters of the state; and

23 (d) Slope, vegetation, precipitation and other factors affecting the  
24 likelihood or frequency of discharge of manure, process wastewater or  
25 runoff into waters of the state;

26 (4) Upon request by the operator, the director shall redesignate a  
27 swine operation previously designated under the provisions of subsection  
28 (1) of this section, if the swine operation has made sufficient remedial  
29 modifications as determined by the director. Such redesignation shall be  
30 provided to the operator in writing and any fees paid by the operation due to  
31 the designation will not be refundable to the operation.

32 25-4114. AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE RULES. (1) The legislature finds  
33 that swine operations require adequate control through state regulatory  
34 mechanisms in order to prevent such operations from posing a threat to the  
35 state's surface and ground water resources. The department of agriculture  
36 is in the best position to administer and implement rules to provide an  
37 adequate regulatory framework for swine feeding operations.

38 (2) The director is authorized to modify the department's administra-  
39 tive rules and to make new rules for permitting and regulating swine opera-  
40 tions.

41 25-4115. VIOLATIONS. (1) The failure by a permittee to comply with the  
42 provisions of this chapter, rules promulgated hereunder or with any permit  
43 condition, shall be deemed a violation.

44 (2) Any person who knowingly makes a false statement, representation  
45 or certification in any application, report, document or record developed,  
46 maintained, or submitted pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or the  
47 conditions of a permit shall be deemed to have committed a violation.

1 (3) Any unauthorized discharge from a swine operation shall be deemed a  
2 violation.

3 (4) Any person violating any provision of this chapter, the rules, per-  
4 mit or orders issued shall be liable for a civil penalty as set forth in sec-  
5 tion 25-4116, Idaho Code.

6 (5) The director may revoke a permit for:

7 (a) A material violation of any condition of a permit; or

8 (b) If the permit was obtained by misrepresentation or failure to dis-  
9 close all relevant facts.

10 (6) Prior to revoking a permit, the director shall issue a notice of  
11 intent to revoke, which shall become final unless the permittee timely  
12 requests an administrative hearing in writing. Such hearing shall be con-  
13 ducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code.

14 25-4116. CIVIL PENALTIES. Any person determined in an action con-  
15 ducted under the provisions of chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code, to have  
16 violated any provision of this chapter, rules promulgated hereunder, or any  
17 permit or order issued, shall be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed ten  
18 thousand dollars (\$10,000) per violation, or one thousand dollars (\$1,000)  
19 for each day of a continuing violation. Moneys collected for violations  
20 shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the state school  
21 building fund. The imposition or computation of monetary penalties shall  
22 take into account the seriousness of the violation, good faith efforts to  
23 comply with the law, the economic impact of the penalty on the violator, the  
24 economic benefit, if any, of the violation and such other matters as justice  
25 requires.

26 25-4117. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES FOR LARGE SWINE OPERATIONS. The owner  
27 of a large swine operation shall submit, as part of the permit application:

28 (1) A bond, or equivalent financial assurance mechanisms as provided in  
29 section 25-4118(2), Idaho Code, in the amount of one hundred thousand dol-  
30 lars (\$100,000); and

31 (2) A closure plan for the swine operation as approved by the director.

32 25-4118. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES FOR EXTRA LARGE SWINE OPERATIONS. (1)  
33 The owner of an extra large swine operation shall submit, as part of the per-  
34 mit application, a detailed written estimate in current dollars of the cost  
35 of hiring a third party to:

36 (a) Remediate potential contamination caused by the operation of the  
37 swine facility or of any potential spill or breach, including, without  
38 limitation, remediation pursuant to the swine operation's spill con-  
39 tingency plan; and

40 (b) Close the swine operation in accordance with an approved closure  
41 plan.

42 The department must approve the cost estimate as reasonable prior to the is-  
43 suance of a permit.

44 (2) Financial assurance mechanisms. The owner shall submit, as part  
45 of the permit application, evidence of financial assurance to cover the ap-  
46 proved remediation and closure cost estimates. Provided however, if the de-  
47 partment has previously determined that a complete application has been sub-



1     mitted, the owner shall submit the remediation and closure cost estimates  
2     and financial assurance mechanism to the department for approval prior to  
3     the issuance of a permit. The mechanism used to demonstrate financial assur-  
4     ance shall be submitted to the department for approval and shall ensure that  
5     the funds necessary to meet the approved costs of remediation and closure  
6     shall be available whenever they are needed. The financial assurance mech-  
7     anisms allowed for swine operations shall include any mechanism or a combi-  
8     nation of mechanisms meeting the criteria set forth below or other mechanism  
9     approved by the department.

10     (a) Trust fund.

11         (i) An owner may satisfy the requirements by establishing a trust  
12         fund and submitting an originally signed duplicate of the trust  
13         agreement to the department. The trustee must be an entity that  
14         has the authority to act as a trustee and whose trust operations  
15         are regulated and examined by a federal or state agency;

16         (ii) After the trust fund is established, whenever the current re-  
17         mediation and closure cost estimates change, the owner must com-  
18         pare the new estimates with the trustee's most recent annual valu-  
19         ation of the trust fund. If the value of the fund is less than the  
20         amount of the new estimate, the owner, within sixty (60) days after  
21         the change in the cost estimate, must either deposit an amount into  
22         the fund so that its value after the deposit is at least equal to  
23         the amount of the current remediation or closure cost estimate, or  
24         obtain other financial assurance as specified in this subsection  
25         to cover the difference;

26         (iii) If the value of the trust fund is greater than the total  
27         amount of the current remediation or closure cost estimate, the  
28         owner may submit a written request to the department for release  
29         of the amount in excess of the current remediation or closure cost  
30         estimate;

31         (iv) If an owner substitutes other financial assurance as spec-  
32         ified in this subsection for all or part of the trust fund, he  
33         may submit a written request to the department for release of  
34         the amount in excess of the current remediation or closure cost  
35         estimate covered by the trust fund.

36     (b) Surety bond.

37         (i) An owner may satisfy the requirements by obtaining a payment  
38         or performance surety bond and submitting a certified copy of the  
39         bond to the department. The surety company issuing the bond must,  
40         at a minimum, be among those listed as acceptable sureties on fed-  
41         eral bonds in circular 570 of the U.S. department of the treasury;

42         (ii) The penal sum of the bond must be in an amount at least equal  
43         to the current remediation and closure cost estimates;

44         (iii) Under the terms of the bond, the surety shall become liable  
45         on the bond obligation when: (1) the owner fails to perform as  
46         guaranteed by the bond; or (2) the department notifies the owner  
47         that he has failed to meet requirements as provided by this chap-  
48         ter;

49         (iv) Under the terms of the bond, the surety may cancel the bond by  
50         sending notice of cancellation by certified mail to the owner and

1 the department one hundred twenty (120) days in advance of cancel-  
2 lation. Cancellation may not occur, however, during the one hun-  
3 dred twenty (120) days beginning with the date of receipt of the  
4 notice by the department, as evidenced by the return receipt. The  
5 surety shall remain liable on the bond for cost of remediation and  
6 closure unless the owner obtains a replacement financial assur-  
7 ance mechanism, approved by the department, that covers both the  
8 existing and future costs of remediation and closure.

9 (c) Letter of credit.

10 (i) An owner may satisfy the requirements by obtaining an irrev-  
11 ocable standby letter of credit and submitting a certified copy of  
12 the letter to the department. The issuing institution must be an  
13 entity that has the authority to issue letters of credit and whose  
14 letter of credit operations are regulated and examined by a fed-  
15 eral or state agency;

16 (ii) The letter of credit shall be accompanied by a letter from  
17 the owner referring to the letter of credit by number, issuing in-  
18 stitution and date, and providing the following information: the  
19 type of swine operation, name and address of the swine operation  
20 and the amount of funds assured for remediation and closure of the  
21 swine operation by the letter of credit;

22 (iii) The letter of credit shall be irrevocable and issued for a  
23 period of at least one (1) year. The letter of credit shall provide  
24 that the expiration date shall be automatically extended for a  
25 period of at least one (1) year unless, at least one hundred twenty  
26 (120) days before the current expiration date, the issuing insti-  
27 tution notifies both the owner and the department by certified  
28 mail of a decision not to extend the expiration date. Cancellation  
29 may not occur, however, during the one hundred twenty (120) days  
30 beginning with the date of receipt of the notice by the department,  
31 as evidenced by the return receipt. The issuing institution shall  
32 remain liable on the letter of credit for costs of remediation  
33 and closure unless the owner obtains a replacement financial  
34 assurance mechanism, approved by the department, that covers both  
35 the existing and future costs of remediation and closure;

36 (iv) The letter of credit must be issued in an amount at least  
37 equal to the current remediation and closure cost estimates.

38 (d) Insurance.

39 (i) An owner may satisfy the requirements by obtaining remedi-  
40 ation and closure insurance and submitting a certificate of such  
41 insurance to the department. At a minimum, the insurer must be li-  
42 censed to transact the business of insurance, or eligible to pro-  
43 vide insurance as an excess or surplus lines insurer, in one (1) or  
44 more states;

45 (ii) The insurance policy must be issued for a face amount at least  
46 equal to the current remediation and closure cost estimates. The  
47 term "face amount" means the total amount the insurer is obligated  
48 to pay under the policy. Actual payments by the insurer shall not  
49 change the face amount, although the insurer's future liability  
50 shall be lowered by the amount of the payments;

1 (iii) Each insurance policy must contain a provision allowing as-  
2 signment of the policy to a successor. Such assignment may be con-  
3 ditional upon consent of the insurer, provided such consent is not  
4 unreasonably refused;

5 (iv) The automatic renewal of the policy shall, at a minimum, pro-  
6 vide the insured with the option of renewal at the face amount of  
7 the expiring policy. The insurer may cancel the policy by send-  
8 ing notice by certified mail to the owner and the department one  
9 hundred twenty (120) days in advance. Cancellation may not occur,  
10 however, during the one hundred twenty (120) days beginning with  
11 the date of receipt of the notice by the department, as evidenced  
12 by the return receipt. The insurer shall remain liable on the pol-  
13 icy for costs of remediation and closure unless the owner obtains  
14 a replacement financial assurance mechanism, approved by the de-  
15 partment, that covers both the existing and future costs of reme-  
16 diation and closure.

17 (e) Corporate guarantee.

18 (i) An owner may satisfy the requirements by obtaining a written  
19 guarantee and submitting a certified copy of the guarantee and ap-  
20 propriate letter from the guarantor. The guarantor must be the di-  
21 rect or higher-tier parent corporation of the owner, a firm whose  
22 parent corporation is also the parent corporation of the owner, or  
23 a firm with a substantial business relationship with the owner;

24 (ii) If the guarantor's parent company is also the parent corpo-  
25 ration of the owner, a letter from the guarantor's chief financial  
26 officer must describe the value received in consideration of the  
27 guarantee;

28 (iii) If the guarantor is a firm with a substantial business rela-  
29 tionship with the owner, the letter must describe the substantial  
30 business relationship and the value received in consideration of  
31 the guarantee;

32 (iv) The terms of the guarantee shall provide that if the owner  
33 fails to perform remediation or closure of a swine operation cov-  
34 ered by the guarantee, the guarantor shall: (1) perform, or pay  
35 a third party to perform, remediation and closure as required; or  
36 (2) establish a fully funded trust fund as specified in paragraph  
37 (a) of this subsection in the name of the owner;

38 (v) The guarantee shall remain in force for as long as the owner  
39 must comply with the applicable financial assurance requirements,  
40 unless the guarantor sends notice of cancellation by certified  
41 mail to the owner and to the department one hundred twenty (120)  
42 days in advance. Cancellation may not occur, however, during the  
43 one hundred twenty (120) days beginning on the date of receipt of  
44 the notice by the department, as evidenced by the return receipt.  
45 The guarantor shall remain liable on the guarantee for costs of  
46 remediation and closure unless the owner obtains a replacement  
47 financial assurance mechanism, approved by the department, that  
48 covers both the existing and future costs of remediation and  
49 closure.

1 (f) If a financial assurance mechanism is canceled by the issuing  
2 entity, the owner shall obtain alternate financial assurance, within  
3 sixty (60) days of receipt of notice of cancellation by the department,  
4 which shall be submitted to the department for approval. The alternate  
5 financial assurance must become effective not later than the effective  
6 date of cancellation or termination of the existing financial assur-  
7 ance. An owner may cancel a financial assurance mechanism only after  
8 first obtaining an alternative mechanism approved by the department.

9 (3) Continuous coverage. The owner shall provide continuous cover-  
10 age for remediation and closure until released from financial assurance  
11 requirements by the department.

12 (4) Adjustment of financial assurance amounts. The following provi-  
13 sions apply to the adjustment of the amount of financial assurance:

14 (a) The owner shall increase the remediation and closure cost estimates  
15 and the amount of financial assurance if changes to the closure plan or  
16 swine operation conditions or operations increase the cost estimates at  
17 any time during the active life of the swine operation. The cost esti-  
18 mates and financial assurance shall also be adjusted to reflect infla-  
19 tion. Increased cost estimates and financial assurance shall be sub-  
20 mitted to the department for approval;

21 (b) The owner may reduce the remediation and closure cost estimates and  
22 the amount of financial assurance if the cost estimates exceed the max-  
23 imum cost of remediation or closure at any time during the active life  
24 of the swine operation. The owner shall first notify the department and  
25 obtain its approval of the justification for the reduction of the reme-  
26 diation and closure cost estimates.

27 (5) Release from financial assurance requirements. When remediation  
28 and closure conditions required by a permit are complete, financial assur-  
29 ance shall be released by the department as follows:

30 (a) When the department determines that initial closure activities  
31 have been completed, financial assurance, less identified retainages,  
32 shall be released;

33 (b) A sufficient amount of financial assurance shall be retained by the  
34 department, up to five (5) years after closure, to ensure proper remedi-  
35 ation and closure of a swine operation;

36 (c) Release of any amount of financial assurance shall not release  
37 the owner from any responsibility for meeting remediation or closure  
38 requirements.

39 (6) Owner liability. Nothing in this section shall relieve the owner of  
40 liability for remediation and closure costs. The use of all financial assur-  
41 ance shall not relieve the owner from responsibility and liability for reme-  
42 diation and closure costs.

43 25-4119. SITING REQUIREMENTS FOR EXTRA LARGE SWINE OPERATIONS. Any  
44 applicant for a permit for an extra large swine operation, as required  
45 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, shall also comply with the  
46 provisions of chapter 42, title 25, Idaho Code.

47 25-4120. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT -- RECORDS. Information obtained by a pub-  
48 lic agency pursuant to this chapter or its associated rules is subject to

1 public disclosure pursuant to the provisions of chapter 3, title 9, Idaho  
2 Code.

3 25-4121. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this chapter or its appli-  
4 cation to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not  
5 affect other provisions or applications of this chapter which can be given  
6 effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the pro-  
7 visions of this chapter are severable.

8 25-4122. CONFLICTS. If a conflict arises between this chapter and  
9 rules of the department regulating swine operations, the most restrictive  
10 provision shall apply.

11 SECTION 3. That Title 25, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended  
12 by the addition thereto of a NEW CHAPTER, to be known and designated as Chap-  
13 ter 42, Title 25, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

14 CHAPTER 42  
15 LOCAL OPTION EXTRA LARGE SWINE OPERATIONS AND EXTRA LARGE POULTRY OPERATIONS  
16 SITING ACT

17 25-4201. SHORT TITLE. This chapter shall be known as the "Local Option  
18 Extra Large Swine Operations and Extra Large Poultry Operations Siting Act."

19 25-4202. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSES. (1) The legislature finds  
20 that:

21 (a) The swine and poultry industries are experiencing rapid changes  
22 such as increased sophistication of production technology, increased  
23 demand for capital to maintain or expand operations, consolidation of  
24 production and packing facilities and changing consumer demands and  
25 markets;

26 (b) Extra large swine and extra large poultry operations increase so-  
27 cial and environmental impacts in the areas where these facilities are  
28 located;

29 (c) Adverse environmental impacts can result from the improper siting  
30 of extra large swine and extra large poultry operations, therefore, the  
31 need for establishing safe sites with adequate supplies of natural re-  
32 sources, such as water, and adequate capacities for the disposal of ani-  
33 mal waste is a matter of statewide concern;

34 (d) Chapters 40 and 41, title 25, Idaho Code, vest the Idaho state de-  
35 partment of agriculture with the responsibility to make rules regulat-  
36 ing extra large poultry operations and extra large swine operations.

37 (2) (a) To facilitate extra large swine operation and extra large pou-  
38 ltry operation siting decisions by boards of county commissioners and  
39 governing bodies of cities, the provisions of this chapter establishes  
40 a review process within the department for construction or expansion of  
41 extra large swine operations and extra large poultry operations and to  
42 require approval of sites.

43 (b) The procedures and requirements established in this chapter  
44 are necessary to facilitate the proper siting of extra large swine  
45 operations and extra large poultry operations, to effect timely and

1 responsible completion of statutory duties and to ensure protection of  
2 natural resources, private property values and the environment of the  
3 state.

4 (c) The site approval required in this chapter is required in addition  
5 to any other license, permit or approval required by law or rule.

6 (3) It is the intent of the legislature that this chapter shall be ap-  
7 plied only to extra large swine operations as provided in chapter 41, title  
8 25, Idaho Code, and extra large poultry operations as provided in chapter 40,  
9 title 25, Idaho Code, and shall not be applied to any other confined animal  
10 feeding operations.

11 25-4203. DEFINITIONS. In addition to the definitions provided in this  
12 section, the definitions as used in chapter 41, title 25, Idaho Code, shall  
13 apply to this chapter regarding extra large swine operations and the defini-  
14 tions as used in chapter 40, title 25, Idaho Code, shall apply to this chapter  
15 regarding extra large poultry operations.

16 As used in this chapter:

17 (1) "Active unit" means that part of an operation or unit that has re-  
18 ceived or is receiving wastes and that has not been closed;

19 (2) "Applicant" means the owner or the operator with the owner's writ-  
20 ten consent;

21 (3) "Aquifer" means a geological formation, group of formations, or a  
22 portion of a formation capable of yielding significant quantities of ground  
23 water to wells or springs;

24 (4) "Ground water" means water below the land surface in a zone of satu-  
25 ration;

26 (5) "Holocene fault" means a fault characterized as a fracture or a zone  
27 of fractures in any material along which strata on one (1) side have been dis-  
28 placed with respect to that on the other side and holocene being the most  
29 recent epoch of the quaternary period, extending from the end of the pleis-  
30 tocene epoch to the present;

31 (6) "One-time animal unit capacity" means the maximum number of animal  
32 units that a facility is capable of housing at any given point in time;

33 (7) "Operate" means to confine, feed, propagate, house or otherwise  
34 sustain swine or poultry;

35 (8) "Operator" means the person(s) responsible for the overall opera-  
36 tion of a facility or part of a facility; and

37 (9) "Owner" means the person(s) who owns a facility or part of a facil-  
38 ity.

39 25-4204. SITE APPROVAL REQUIRED -- SITE APPROVAL IS SUPPLEMENTAL --  
40 LOCAL OPTION -- LOCAL ACTION REQUIRED FOR DEPARTMENT ACTION. (1) No person  
41 may construct or expand an extra large swine operation or an extra large  
42 poultry operation regulated by the provisions of this chapter without first  
43 obtaining site approval from the director as provided in this chapter. For  
44 purposes of this chapter, reference to "operation" or "operations" shall  
45 be a reference to extra large swine operations and to extra large poultry  
46 operations.

47 (2) The site approval required by the provisions of this chapter  
48 for construction or expansion of an operation is required in addition to

1 requirements of any rules of the department or applicable provisions of  
2 chapter 41, title 25, Idaho Code, for extra large swine operations or chapter  
3 40, title 25, Idaho Code, for extra large poultry operations. Further, the  
4 site approval required by this chapter must be obtained in addition to any  
5 other license, permit or approval required by law or rule.

6 (3) This chapter does not preempt the local regulation of extra large  
7 swine operations or extra large poultry operations. This chapter provides  
8 boards of county commissioners and governing bodies of cities with an  
9 optional procedure for siting extra large swine operations and extra large  
10 poultry operations. If boards of county commissioners and governing bodies  
11 of cities do not exercise their option to comply with the provisions of this  
12 chapter, they are not subject to its provisions and may exercise individual  
13 authority to accept, regulate or reject extra large swine operations and  
14 extra large poultry operations independently of this chapter.

15 (4) This chapter applies only if the board of county commissioners or  
16 governing body of a city, whichever has jurisdiction over the site for a pro-  
17 posed operation, chooses to comply with this chapter. If a board of county  
18 commissioners or a governing body of a city with jurisdiction chooses not to  
19 comply with this chapter, the department is not required to take any action  
20 under this chapter.

21 (5) Boards of county commissioners and governing bodies of cities that  
22 choose to comply with this chapter shall signify compliance by resolution or  
23 ordinance communicated to the director in writing.

24 (6) If a board of county commissioners or a governing body of a city  
25 chooses to comply with this chapter, the department does not have to issue  
26 any determination relating to the suitability of the location of an opera-  
27 tion.

28 25-4205. APPLICATION -- OPERATIONS REGULATED. (1) Extra large swine  
29 operations, as provided for in chapter 41, title 25, Idaho Code, and extra  
30 large poultry operations, as provided for in chapter 40, title 25, Idaho  
31 Code, must obtain site approval pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

32 (2) As provided by law, where two (2) or more operations are consid-  
33 ered by the department as a single operation, the director shall determine  
34 whether one (1) or multiple site approvals are required.

35 (3) (a) Existing extra large swine operations and existing extra large  
36 poultry operations built and in operation one (1) year or more before  
37 the original effective date of this chapter are exempt from the require-  
38 ment to obtain a site approval pursuant to this chapter unless they ex-  
39 pand. However, such operations shall register with the director within  
40 three (3) months after the original effective date of this chapter. The  
41 director shall determine the information that must be submitted as part  
42 of their registration.

43 (b) Existing extra large swine operations and existing extra large  
44 poultry operations, required in this subsection to register with the  
45 director, shall submit a nutrient management plan and closure plan to  
46 the director for approval within two (2) years of the original effective  
47 date of this chapter in accordance with rules of the department. An ap-  
48 plication fee shall not be required unless the operation is expanding.

1           25-4206.   DIRECTOR MAY MAKE RULES AND CONTRACT WITH OTHER AGENCIES. (1)  
2 The director may adopt administrative rules he deems necessary or helpful to  
3 carry out the purposes of this chapter.

4           (2) The director may enter into contracts, agreements, memorandums and  
5 other arrangements with federal, state and local agencies to carry out the  
6 purposes of this chapter.

7           25-4207.   LOCATION GUIDELINES. This section provides location guide-  
8 lines for extra large swine operations and extra large poultry operations  
9 regulated by this chapter. Where the location guidelines provide a specific  
10 setback distance, that distance is the minimum setback distance that may be  
11 imposed. Further setback distances shall be imposed as circumstances re-  
12 quire.

13           (1) An extra large swine operation or extra large poultry operation  
14 regulated by this chapter shall not:

15           (a) Locate its closest waste facility within at least two (2) miles of  
16 any occupied residence not owned or leased by the owner or operator of  
17 the operation;

18           (b) Land apply liquid animal waste within at least one (1) mile of the  
19 nearest corner of an occupied residence not owned or leased by the owner  
20 or operator of the operation.

21           (2) The setback distances provided in subsection (1) of this section do  
22 not apply if the affected property owner executes a written waiver with the  
23 owner or operator of the operation, under terms and conditions that the par-  
24 ties may negotiate. The written waiver is effective when recorded in the of-  
25 fices of the recorder of deeds in the county in which the property is located.  
26 The recorded waiver shall preclude enforcement of the setback distances con-  
27 tained in subsection (1) of this section. A change in ownership of the ap-  
28 plicable property or change in ownership of the operation does not affect the  
29 validity of the waiver.

30           (3) All distances between occupied residences and operations shall be  
31 measured from the closest corner of the walls of the occupied residence to  
32 the closest point of the nearest waste structure or waste facility, as de-  
33 fined by the director.

34           (4) No liquid animal waste may be land applied within at least one hun-  
35 dred (100) feet of an existing public or private drinking water well.

36           (5) The minimum distance from a waste structure or waste facility to a  
37 domestic well, public well or public water source shall be at least one (1)  
38 mile.

39           (6) Further, operations shall not be located:

40           (a) In areas designated by the United States fish and wildlife service  
41 or the Idaho department of fish and game as critical habitat for endan-  
42 gered or threatened species of plants, fish or wildlife;

43           (b) So as to be at variance with any locally adopted land use plan or  
44 zoning requirement, unless otherwise provided by local law or ordi-  
45 nance. If no land use plan has been adopted by the local government that  
46 would have land use jurisdiction pursuant to chapter 65, title 67, Idaho  
47 Code, the recommendations of the panel approving a site shall contain an  
48 analysis of the requirements and guidelines provided in this chapter.  
49 The analysis shall be accompanied by findings and conclusions, entered



1 by the local government with jurisdiction after the local government  
2 has held a public hearing in accord with section 67-6509, Idaho Code,  
3 that the public interest would be served by locating an operation on the  
4 site for which approval is sought;

5 (c) No nearer than one (1) mile to any local, state or national park, or  
6 land reserved or withdrawn for scenic or natural use; and

7 (d) No nearer than two (2) miles to a school, church, hospital or commu-  
8 nity center.

9 (7) An operation active unit shall not be located:

10 (a) Within a one hundred (100) year flood plain;

11 (b) Within five hundred (500) feet upstream of a perennial stream or  
12 river;

13 (c) Within one thousand (1,000) feet of any perennial lake or pond;

14 (d) So as to cause any measurable impact on water quality limited  
15 streams;

16 (e) Within a wetland;

17 (f) Within two hundred (200) feet to the property line of adjacent land;

18 (g) Within two hundred (200) feet of a holocene fault or adjacent to  
19 geologic features that could compromise the structural integrity of an  
20 operation active unit unless the owner or operator demonstrates to the  
21 director that an alternative setback distance of less than two hundred  
22 (200) feet will prevent damage to the structural integrity of the opera-  
23 tion unit and will be protective of the environment. For the purposes of  
24 this subsection:

25 (i) "Fault" means a fracture or a zone of fractures in any mate-  
26 rial along which strata on one (1) side have been displaced with  
27 respect to that on the other side;

28 (ii) "Displacement" means the relative movement of any two (2)  
29 sides of a fault measured in any direction;

30 (iii) "Holocene" means the most recent epoch of the quaternary  
31 period, extending from the end of the pleistocene epoch to the  
32 present.

33 (h) Within seismic impact zones, unless the owner or operator demon-  
34 strates to the director that all operation active units and surface wa-  
35 ter control systems, are designed to resist the maximum horizontal ac-  
36 celeration in lithified earth material for the site. The owner or oper-  
37 ator must place the demonstration in the operating record and notify the  
38 director that it has been placed in the operating record. For the pur-  
39 poses of this section:

40 (i) "Seismic impact zone" means an area with a ten percent (10%)  
41 or greater probability that the maximum horizontal acceleration  
42 in lithified earth material, expressed as a percentage of the  
43 earth's gravitational pull (g), will exceed one-tenth (0.10g) in  
44 two hundred fifty (250) years;

45 (ii) "Maximum horizontal acceleration in lithified earth mate-  
46 rial" means the maximum expected horizontal acceleration depicted  
47 on a seismic hazard map, with a ninety percent (90%) or greater  
48 probability that the acceleration will not be exceeded in two hun-  
49 dred fifty (250) years, or the maximum expected horizontal accel-  
50 eration based on a site-specific seismic risk assessment;

1 (iii) "Lithified earth material" means all rock, including all  
2 naturally occurring and naturally formed aggregates or masses of  
3 minerals or small particles of older rock that formed by crys-  
4 tallization of magma or by induration of loose sediments. This  
5 term does not include manmade materials, such as fill, concrete  
6 and asphalt, or unconsolidated earth materials, soil or regolith  
7 lying at or near the earth's surface.

8 (i) On any site whose natural state would be considered unstable in that  
9 its undisturbed character would not permit establishment of an opera-  
10 tion without unduly threatening the integrity of the design due to in-  
11 herent site instability;

12 (j) Where the integrity of the site would be compromised by the presence  
13 of ground water which would interfere with construction or operation of  
14 the active unit.

15 25-4208. SITE REVIEW PANELS ESTABLISHED. (1) A site review panel shall  
16 be established to ensure public input in the siting process and to recommend  
17 to the director site approval, approval with conditions or rejection.

18 (2) A panel shall consist of eight (8) members to be appointed as fol-  
19 lows:

20 (a) Three (3) members shall be the director of the department of  
21 agriculture or his designee, the director of the department of water  
22 resources or his designee, and the director of the department of envi-  
23 ronmental quality or his designee.

24 (b) One (1) member shall be a public member appointed by the governor.  
25 The public member shall be an environmental professional, shall serve  
26 as chairman of the panel and shall be a voting member. A member who  
27 is a public member shall be appointed to serve on site review panels  
28 only until the particular site application subject to their review is  
29 approved, or until the application is rejected and is no longer subject  
30 to their review.

31 (c) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the city council of the city  
32 located closest to, or in which the operation is proposed to be located  
33 or expanded, provided the governing body of the city has signified com-  
34 pliance with this chapter as provided in section 25-4204, Idaho Code.  
35 At least one (1) member shall be a resident of the city. However, if two  
36 (2) cities are equidistant from the proposed or expanding operation,  
37 plus or minus five (5) miles, the city council of each city shall appoint  
38 one (1) member each to the site review panel, each of whom shall be a  
39 resident of the city appointing them. The members serving pursuant  
40 to this subsection shall serve until the particular site application  
41 subject to their review is approved or is rejected and is no longer  
42 subject to their review.

43 (d) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the county commission and be  
44 residents of the county where the operation is proposed to be located or  
45 expanded, provided the board of county commissioners has signified com-  
46 pliance with this chapter as provided in section 25-4204, Idaho Code.  
47 The members serving pursuant to this subsection shall serve until the  
48 particular site application subject to their review is approved, or un-

1           til the application is rejected and is no longer subject to their re-  
2           view.

3           (e) A person nominated to represent a city or county shall not have a  
4           conflict of interest, as that term is defined in section 59-703, Idaho  
5           Code, or derive any economic gain as that term is defined in section  
6           59-703, Idaho Code, from the location of the proposed or expanding  
7           operation.

8           (3) The director shall notify the city council of the nearest city, or  
9           cities if two (2) cities are within five (5) miles of the site of the pro-  
10          posed operation, and the board of county commissioners in which the site is  
11          located, of a site application filed with the department and shall instruct  
12          the city or cities and county to appoint the necessary members to a panel.

13          (4) A majority of members of the panel shall constitute a quorum for the  
14          transaction of business of the panel and the concurrence of a majority of the  
15          panel shall constitute a legal action of the panel, provided that no meeting  
16          of the panel shall occur unless there are at least as many members present  
17          representing the city and county as there are representing the state and the  
18          public as appointed pursuant to subsection (2) (a) and (b) of this section.  
19          All meetings of the panel shall be conducted pursuant to the state open meet-  
20          ing law.

21          (5) The director shall make staff available to assist the panel in car-  
22          rying out its responsibilities.

23          (6) Members of the panel who are not state employees shall be entitled  
24          to receive compensation as provided in section 59-509(b), Idaho Code.

25                25-4209. SITING APPLICATION. (1) Each application shall include in-  
26                formation in sufficient detail to allow the director to make necessary ap-  
27                plication review decisions concerning design and environmental protection.  
28                Each application shall include:

- 29                (a) Name, mailing address and telephone number of the operation owner;  
30                (b) Name, mailing address and telephone number of the operation opera-  
31                tor;  
32                (c) Name and mailing address of the operation;  
33                (d) Legal description of the operation's location;  
34                (e) The legal structure of the entity owning the operation, including  
35                the names and addresses of all directors, officers, registered agents  
36                and partners;  
37                (f) The names and locations of all operations owned and/or operated by  
38                the applicant within the last ten (10) years;  
39                (g) The one-time animal capacity of the operation;  
40                (h) The type of swine or poultry to be confined at the operation;  
41                (i) Evidence that a valid water right exists to supply adequate water  
42                for the proposed operation or a copy of either an application for permit  
43                to appropriate water or an application to change the point of diversion,  
44                place, period and nature of use of an existing water right that has been  
45                filed with the Idaho department of water resources which, if approved,  
46                will supply adequate water for the proposed operation;  
47                (j) Proof of financial capability to perform remedial actions and to  
48                meet the conditions of an approved closure plan for the operation, in  
49                accordance with the provisions of chapter 41, title 25, Idaho Code, for

1 extra large swine operations, and in accordance with the provisions of  
2 chapter 40, title 25, Idaho Code, for extra large poultry operations;

3 (k) The operation's biosecurity and sanitary standards;

4 (l) A statement of estimated annual income and operating expenses that  
5 demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the department, financial capa-  
6 bility to operate the operation.

7 (2) The application must also include construction plans and construc-  
8 tion specifications for the operation's wastewater storage and containment  
9 facilities with the following information:

10 (a) Vicinity map(s) prepared on one (1) or more seven and one-half  
11 minute (7.5') USGS topographic quadrangle maps or a high quality repro-  
12 duction(s) that includes the following:

13 (i) Layout of the operation, including buildings and wastewater  
14 storage and containment facilities;

15 (ii) The one hundred (100) year FEMA flood zones or other appro-  
16 priate flood data for the site and land application sites owned or  
17 leased by the applicant;

18 (iii) The location of occupied dwellings, public and private gath-  
19 ering places, such as schools, churches and parks, and incorpo-  
20 rated municipalities that are within a two (2) mile radius of the  
21 operation; and

22 (iv) Private and community domestic water wells, irrigation  
23 wells, irrigation conveyance and drainage structures, monitoring  
24 wells, wetlands, streams, springs and reservoirs that are within a  
25 one (1) mile radius of the operation.

26 (b) Construction specifications including:

27 (i) A site plan showing building locations; waste facilities; all  
28 waste conveyance systems; and all irrigation systems used for land  
29 application, including details of approved water supply protec-  
30 tion devices;

31 (ii) Building plans showing: all wastewater collection systems  
32 in housed units; all freshwater supply systems, including details  
33 of approved water supply protection devices; detailed drawings  
34 of wastewater collection and conveyance systems and containment  
35 construction; and detailed construction and installation proce-  
36 dures.

37 (3) A site characterization of the operation and any land application  
38 site(s) owned or operated by the applicant, prepared by a registered profes-  
39 sional geologist, a registered professional engineer or a qualified ground  
40 water hydrologist, shall be provided that includes the following informa-  
41 tion:

42 (a) A description of monitoring methods, frequency and reporting  
43 components related to either leak detection systems and/or ground water  
44 monitoring wells;

45 (b) The climatic, hydrogeologic and soil characteristics;

46 (c) The depth to water and a potentiometric map for the uppermost and  
47 regional aquifer;

48 (d) The vertical and horizontal conductivity, gradient, and ground wa-  
49 ter flow direction and velocity;

50 (e) Estimates of recharge to the uppermost aquifer;

- 1 (f) Information that characterizes the relationship between the ground  
2 water and adjacent surface waters; and  
3 (g) A summary of local ground water quality data.  
4 (4) Each extra large operation shall provide a closure plan describing  
5 the procedures for final closure of an operation that ensures no adverse im-  
6 pacts to the environment and waters of the state and that includes:  
7 (a) The estimated length of operation; and  
8 (b) A description of the procedures, methods and schedule to be imple-  
9 mented at the operation for final disposal, handling, management and/or  
10 treatment of all animal waste.  
11 (5) An applicant shall provide any other information deemed necessary  
12 by the director to assess protection of the environment.

- 13 25-4210. DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR RELATIVE TO APPLICATIONS. (1) Upon de-  
14 termination that a siting application is complete, the director shall:  
15 (a) Notify the permanent panel members, the city and/or county in which  
16 the operation site is located, the director of the department of fish  
17 and game, the director of the department of law enforcement and other  
18 state agencies as deemed appropriate by the director.  
19 (b) Publish a notice that the application has been received, as pro-  
20 vided in section 60-109, Idaho Code, in a newspaper having major circu-  
21 lation in the county and the immediate vicinity of the site. The notice  
22 shall contain a map indicating the location of the site, a description  
23 of the proposed action and the location where the application may be re-  
24 viewed. The notice shall describe the procedure by which the siting ap-  
25 proval under this chapter may be granted.  
26 (2) Upon notification by the director, the chairman shall immediately  
27 notify the representatives of the state to the panel and the public members.  
28 The chairman shall also notify the applicable county and city for their ap-  
29 pointment of members as provided in section 25-4208(2), Idaho Code. Within  
30 thirty (30) days after the notification, the board of commissioners of the  
31 county and the city council shall select the members to serve on the panel.  
32 The panel shall be created at that time and notification of the creation of  
33 the panel shall be made to the chairman.  
34 (3) Within thirty (30) days after appointment of panel members, the  
35 panel shall meet to review and establish a timetable for the consideration of  
36 the draft site approval.  
37 (4) The panel shall:  
38 (a) Set a date and arrange for publication of notice of a public hearing  
39 in a newspaper having major circulation in the vicinity of the proposed  
40 site, at its first meeting. The public notice shall:  
41 (i) Contain a map indicating the location of the site and pro-  
42 posed operation, a description of the proposed action and the lo-  
43 cation where the application for a siting approval may be reviewed  
44 and where copies may be obtained;  
45 (ii) Identify the time, place and location for the public hearing  
46 held to receive public comment and input on the application for a  
47 siting approval;

1 (b) Publish the notice not less than thirty (30) days before the date of  
2 the public hearing and the notice shall be, at a minimum, a twenty (20)  
3 days' notice as provided in section 60-109, Idaho Code.

4 (5) Comment and input on the proposed siting of the operation may be  
5 presented orally or in writing at the public hearing and shall continue to be  
6 accepted in writing by the panel for thirty (30) days after the public hear-  
7 ing date. The public hearing shall be held in the same county as the pro-  
8 posed site. If the proposed site is adjacent to a city or populated area in  
9 a neighboring county, it is recommended that public hearings also be held in  
10 the neighboring county.

11 (6) The panel shall consider, but not be limited to, the following:

12 (a) The risk of the spread of disease or impact upon the environment  
13 from improper treatment, storage or incineration methods;

14 (b) The impact on local units of government where the proposed opera-  
15 tion is to be located in terms of the environment, safety, cost and con-  
16 sistency with local planning and existing development;

17 (c) The nature of the probable environmental impact;

18 (d) The financial capability of the applicant to construct, operate and  
19 close the operation;

20 (e) Impact on adjacent property values.

21 (7) The panel shall consider the concerns and objections submitted by  
22 the public. The panel shall facilitate efforts to provide that the concerns  
23 and objections are mitigated by proposing additional conditions regarding  
24 the construction of the operation. The panel may propose conditions that in-  
25 tegrate the provisions of the city or county ordinances, permits or require-  
26 ments.

27 (8) Within one hundred eighty (180) days after creation, the panel  
28 shall issue an approval letter, approval letter with conditions, or rejec-  
29 tion. If the panel recommends conditions, a clear statement of the need for  
30 a condition must be submitted to the director. If the panel recommends re-  
31 jection, a clear statement of the reasons for the rejection must be submitted  
32 to the director.

33 (9) The director shall not issue a permit to operate pursuant to rules  
34 of the department unless a site has been approved by the site review panel.  
35 Approval of a site by the panel does not require the director to issue a per-  
36 mit to operate pursuant to rules of the department.

37 25-4211. FINANCIAL ASSURANCE FOR CLOSURE AND REMEDIATION. Financial  
38 assurance for closure and remediation shall be pursuant to the provisions of  
39 section 25-4118, Idaho Code, for extra large swine operations and pursuant  
40 to the provisions of section 25-4018, Idaho Code, for extra large poultry op-  
41 erations.

42 25-4212. DIRECTOR MAY REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. The applicant  
43 shall provide the director with additional information the director deems  
44 necessary to process an application, within thirty (30) days of the direc-  
45 tor's request. The time period within which the director must act with re-  
46 gard to an application shall be stayed until the information requested is  
47 provided. If an applicant fails to provide the information within this time  
48 period, unless a longer time period is allowed by the director, the director

1 may stop the application process and require the applicant to submit a new  
2 application.

3 25-4213. VIOLATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT. (1) The following acts are un-  
4 lawful:

5 (a) Failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter and any rules  
6 of the department regulating extra large swine operations or extra  
7 large poultry operations, and conditions of site approval granted  
8 pursuant to this chapter;

9 (b) Knowingly making a false statement, representation or certi-  
10 fication in any application report, document or record developed,  
11 maintained or submitted pursuant to this chapter, rules or conditions  
12 of a site approval.

13 (2) To ensure compliance, any person violating the provisions of this  
14 chapter, or any site approval or order under this chapter, is liable for a  
15 civil penalty in accordance with the provisions of section 25-4016, Idaho  
16 Code, for an extra large poultry operation, or in accordance with section  
17 25-4116, Idaho Code, for an extra large swine operation.

18 (3) The director may revoke a site approval:

19 (a) For material violation of any condition of a site approval, final  
20 agency order or order or judgment of a court secured by any state or fed-  
21 eral agency and relating to the operation of an extra large swine opera-  
22 tion or an extra large poultry operation;

23 (b) If an approval was obtained by misrepresentation or failure to dis-  
24 close all relevant facts;

25 (c) If approval for adequate water rights cannot be obtained from the  
26 Idaho department of water resources;

27 (d) The site or operation does not meet the requirements of this chap-  
28 ter.

29 (4) A private right of action on behalf of any person who has been in-  
30 jured or damaged by any approval authorized in this chapter or violation of  
31 the terms of any approval or rule authorized in this chapter may be main-  
32 tained in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and/or the provi-  
33 sions of chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code, as applicable.

34 25-4214. CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS. Information obtained by a public  
35 agency pursuant to this chapter or its associated rules is subject to pub-  
36 lic disclosure pursuant to the provisions of chapter 3, title 9, Idaho Code.  
37 Information submitted under a trade secret claim may be entitled to confi-  
38 dential treatment as provided in section 9-342A, Idaho Code, and rules of the  
39 department.

40 25-4215. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this chapter or its appli-  
41 cation to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not  
42 affect other provisions or applications of this chapter which can be given  
43 effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the pro-  
44 visions of this chapter are severable.

1           25-4216. CONFLICTS. If a conflict arises between this chapter and  
2 rules of the department regulating extra large swine operations or extra  
3 large poultry operations, the most restrictive provision shall apply.

4           SECTION 4. That Section [39-104A](#), Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
5 repealed.

6           SECTION 5. That Chapter 79, Title 39, Idaho Code, be, and the same is  
7 hereby repealed.