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Livestock Waste Management and Conservation

CAFO Inspections
(Class I & II – Large and Medium CAFOs)

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As a condition of the permit, the producer must allow personnel from the TDEC or the U.S. EPA to inspect the regulated CAFO. They are required to present their credentials and will only inspect a facility "at reasonable times." This does not mean that they may only inspect the facility at the owner's convenience. It simply means that most inspections will be conducted during normal business hours. Large CAFOs are required to undergo a yearly inspection at a minimum. Medium CAFOs may be inspected less often.

The inspector(s) must have access to and may possibly copy all records that are required by the permit. Current records are the only way inspectors can determine if a nutrient management plan has been implemented and is being followed. Therefore, it is crucial for producers to keep all records pertaining to the CAFO permit and nutrient management plan up-to-date. Additionally, inspectors may inspect any facilities or equipment (including monitoring and control equipment). They will determine if proper operation and maintenance of these facilities and equipment are being followed.

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