

DNREC Virtual Public Hearing
Purposed Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO)
General Permit DE 0051233

Docket No. 2025-P-W-0023

Moderated by Lisa Vest, Hearing Officer
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A P P E A R A N C E S

List of Attendees:

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Brooke Walls, DDA Nutrient Management Program

Westley Look, DNREC Tech (by videoconference)

Spencer Giddings, DDA (by videoconference)

Kathy Martin, Registered Commenter

Maria Payan, Registered Commenter

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P R O C E E D I N G S

THE HEARING OFFICER: The time is 6 p.m. It is Tuesday, January 20, 2026, and we are going to go ahead and begin the proceedings for this evening.

I want to thank everyone for taking the time out of their busy schedules to connect. We are here today to provide the virtual platform for the department to conduct its public hearing.

Tonight's topic is the reissuance of the general concentrated animal feeding operation, or CAFO, permit originally authorized on April 30, 2019.

For those of you that may not know me, my name is Lisa Vest, and Secretary Patterson has designated me to serve as hearing officer for tonight's proceeding.

I have a few introductory remarks. Following that, I will be turning the floor over to department personnel. They have a brief presentation for the benefit of the record.

That presentation will of course be posted on the hearing webpage that's dedicated to the CAFO permitting matter, and I would encourage everyone to go and review that on their own time as there is a

1 lot of information on there.

2 The court reporter is also here
3 tonight. They will prepare a verbatim transcript of
4 the hearing pursuant to DNREC statutory requirement to
5 do so. And as always, that transcript, once we
6 receive it, will be posted on the hearing webpage as
7 well.

8 And again, it's a vast amount of
9 knowledge that's up there. I would encourage everyone
10 to review it.

11 Before we go any further, it's
12 important to set the parameters for tonight's
13 proceeding.

14 As we know, the purpose of this public
15 hearing is to build the record regarding this
16 permitting matter. It provides the legal platform for
17 the public to learn about the pending permit matter,
18 as well as gathering comment concerning the same from
19 members of the public that have signed up to do so.

20 The community concerns regarding
21 DNREC's permitting process are very important to the
22 department. Those concerns are incorporated into the
23 record by the public submitting their comment directly
24 to DNREC, either live tonight or in writing.

1 While all comments are appreciated, I
2 must remind everyone that each comment must be limited
3 solely to the subject matter of tonight's hearing.

4 All such comments, whether received
5 verbally this evening, or whether they come in writing
6 either before or after the hearing; they all bear the
7 same weight, and they'll all be considered by
8 Secretary Patterson prior to his making any decision
9 on this matter.

10 I also want to make sure everybody
11 realizes that only comments submitted directly to
12 DNREC and entered by the hearing officer into the
13 record will be posted on the hearing page.

14 The department has not partnered with
15 any additional organizations or websites to assist
16 with the acceptance of comments in this matter, so
17 please only submit comments to DNREC directly.

18 For those that have pre-registered with
19 the department to offer comment tonight, each person
20 will be given three minutes of time to offer their
21 comments.

22 If either unable to finish saying
23 everything that they want to say, that's absolutely
24 fine. The record will not close at the conclusion of

1 tonight's proceedings.

2 Rather, we're going to keep the record
3 open all the way from tonight through February 4th.
4 That gives the public an additional time allotment.
5 If they wish to offer comments concerning CAFO, we
6 strongly encourage that.

7 While commenters are limited to three
8 minutes live, there is no limit to the amount of
9 comment that members of the public can offer in
10 writing. And, again, as long as they are received
11 between now and February 4th and are pertaining to
12 CAFO, they will be incorporated into the record.

13 I do need to list the following
14 protocols which apply to all DNREC public hearings,
15 and then we'll go ahead and get started.

16 Number one, all comment received must
17 be limited solely to the subject matter of tonight's
18 hearing. All comments pertinent to that subject
19 matter will be incorporated into the hearing record
20 and posted on the hearing webpage dedicated to this
21 matter.

22 Two, as I've mentioned already, the
23 record will not close at the conclusion of tonight's
24 proceedings. Rather, it remains open for receipt of

1 public comment all the way through to February 4th.

2 Number three, there is only one
3 authentic record of these formal proceedings, and it
4 will be the transcript as provided by the court
5 reporter. And again, as soon as we get that from
6 Veritext, it will be posted on the webpage.

7 Number four, as previously noted, the
8 statutory purpose of the hearing tonight is to build
9 the record with regard to this permitting action.

10 A record consisting of the transcript
11 of tonight's hearing, any and all written comments
12 received, all exhibits, and events -- and eventually
13 my report basically summarizing this review will all
14 be sent to Secretary Patterson. He will review it in
15 its entirety prior to making any decision in this
16 matter.

17 Lastly, it's important to note that no
18 decision has been made by the department with regard
19 to this pending action, nor will any decision be made
20 tonight at the time of this hearing.

21 And again, the record will remain open
22 through February 4th to accommodate those members of
23 the public to offer additional comment if they wish to
24 do so.

1 With that being said, I am going to
2 turn it over to Jessica Brewer. She has a brief
3 presentation to explain exactly what CAFO is and a
4 little bit of why we're here this evening.

5 So, Jessica, when you're ready, you can
6 proceed.

7 MS. BREWER: Thank you, Lisa.

8 I just want to say hello and welcome to
9 everyone. Thank you for joining us this evening. The
10 purpose of this hearing is to provide the public an
11 opportunity to comment on the renewal of the following
12 permit, which is the CAFO General Permit 005123,
13 large, medium, and designated poultry CAFOs with the
14 application of manure.

15 For the remainder of this presentation,
16 you are going to hear me refer to the specific permit
17 as GP2 because that's what we generally refer to it as
18 instead of saying the long version of it.

19 So to start out, an animal feeding
20 operation is a facility where animals other than
21 aquatic are stabled, confined, and fed maintain for a
22 total of 45 days or more within a 12-month period.
23 The animal confinement areas do not sustain crops,
24 vegetation, forage growth or post-harvest residues in

1 the normal growing season.

2 Two or more AFOs under the common
3 ownership are considered a single AFO for the purposes
4 of determining the number of animals that are within
5 an operation.

6 Delaware AFOs have -- fall under eight
7 animal units or more under the Department of
8 Agricultural nutrient management laws and regulations.
9 These operations are required to develop and maintain
10 an animal waste management plan, which is referred to
11 as an AWMP and submit it to DDA.

12 The operations applying livestock waste
13 are required to develop and submit a nutrient
14 management plan referred to as an NMP, which covers
15 both the livestock and land. Please note that an
16 animal unit is equivalent to a thousand pounds.

17 So it is a CAFO general permit, and a
18 CAFO is a concentrated animal feeding operation. We
19 define that based on this chart when we're looking at
20 the animal numbers to see what they fall under,
21 whether it's a medium CAFO or a large CAFO.

22 For this specific permit, if you look
23 at the second row, we look at the chickens except for
24 laying hens. So a medium CAFO would be 37 -- 37,500

1 chickens up to 124,999. Anything above 125,000 would
2 be considered a large CAFO.

3 The Delaware CAFO program is a
4 regulatory program that issues national pollution
5 discharge elimination system permits, also referred to
6 as NPDES permits. This program is overseen by the
7 EPA, but it has delegated responsibility to the state
8 of Delaware.

9 Through this, we are implementing that
10 responsibility jointly through DNREC and also the
11 Department of Agriculture.

12 DNREC is responsible for issuing
13 permits and -- along with other regulatory components
14 of the program. While DDA is the primary point of
15 contact for the regulated community and is responsible
16 for conducting inspections, collecting documentation,
17 and reviewing the plans for those facilities.

18 In Delaware, we have three general CAFO
19 permits. The first one is GP1, which is large,
20 medium, and designated poultry CAFOs. GP2 is what
21 we're meeting here tonight for. So this is the large,
22 medium, and designated poultry CAFOs with the
23 application of manure. And everything else falls
24 under GP3, which is the large, medium, and designated

1 non-poultry and diversified CAFOs.

2 Large and medium CAFOs have different
3 effluent limitations. The large ones may not
4 discharge of any manure, litter, and/or process
5 wastewater pollutants to the waters of our state from
6 the production area except for in the case of a
7 precipitation event exceeding a 25-year, 24-hour
8 rainfall event. And the production area is maintained
9 and operate in accordance with the measures and
10 records required by our CAFO regulations.

11 For medium and designated CAFO effluent
12 limitations, they must -- the operations must adhere
13 to all of their best management practices, referred to
14 as "BMPs." And then those are addressed in their
15 plans concerning management activities of the manure,
16 litter, or process wastewater in accordance with our
17 state technical standards.

18 Our plan requirements. So these are
19 including, but not limited to the animal numbers and
20 capacity; manure, litter, and process wastewater
21 storage procedures; the estimated manure generation;
22 mortality management procedures; the animal mortality
23 disposal methods; properly labeled field maps and
24 aerial photographs; clean water diversion systems; no

1 livestock directly in contact with the waters of the
2 state; chemical and contaminant disposal practices;
3 buffers and other runoff BMPs; manure, litter, process
4 wastewater, and soil testing protocols; manure,
5 litter, and process wastewater application protocols;
6 manure analysis results; and records of the
7 implementation.

8 For our permitting process, the
9 applicants must submit a notice of intent, which we
10 call an NOI form, along with their plan. All complete
11 applications are then publicly noticed to be covered
12 under the CAFO NPDES'S general permits.

13 The public notice is advertised in two
14 newspapers for one day and also available on our
15 website during a 30-day comment -- public comment
16 period.

17 Upon completion without comment of the
18 30-day period, applicants will receive a letter
19 granting them permit coverage. This permit coverage
20 is good for five years unless administratively
21 extended.

22 If there is a comment received and
23 deemed meritorious of a hearing, DNREC will proceed
24 with a public hearing like we are tonight following

1 the protocols listed on the DNREC hearing page.

2 If anybody has any questions, I did
3 want to include our contact information, whether it's
4 about the specific permit or the CAFO program in
5 general. My contact information for DNREC is on the
6 left. And then also the point of contact for the CAFO
7 program from DDA is Brooke Walls, and I have her
8 information here as well.

9 And with that, I just want to thank
10 everyone for being here tonight and listening.

11 Again, as Lisa already stated, we will
12 accept public comments on this matter through
13 February 4th of this year. So if you didn't have a
14 chance to sign up to speak tonight, we would love to
15 get your comments in writing as well.

16 Thank you.

17 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Thank you,
18 Jessica.

19 Just one quick note for the benefit of
20 the record. There are exhibits that DNREC is
21 proposing to have entered as formal exhibits. Are
22 they all, at this point, on the hearing page dedicated
23 to this matter?

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1 (Exhibits 1 through 17 were marked for
2 identification.)

3 MS. BREWER: Yes, they are.

4 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. And have
5 they changed in any way, shape, or form since their
6 posting?

7 MS. BREWER: I believe the last update
8 was last week, and that was just adding the
9 translations of this presentation.

10 THE HEARING OFFICER: Excellent.

11 Then again, just for bookkeeping
12 purposes, let the record reflect that the DNREC
13 exhibits as posted on the hearing page are hereby
14 entered into the formal hearing record.

15 (Exhibits 1 through 17 were received
16 into evidence.)

17 Jessica, is that all for the Division
18 of Water at this time?

19 MS. BREWER: Yes, that is all. Thank
20 you.

21 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you. All
22 right. And you can go ahead and take down that so we
23 can have the three-minute timer posted.

24 We will now turn to the portion of the

1 hearing this evening dedicated to the receipt of live
2 comment. DNREC's public hearing process allows for
3 members of the public to pre-register should they wish
4 to offer a live comment.

5 We have two members of the public that
6 have pre-registered for this evening. We always call
7 members of the public in the order in which they were
8 received as far as pre-registrants. So tonight we
9 have Kathy Martin going first, and following that, we
10 have Maria Payan.

11 Just as a reminder, comment must be
12 limited to the CAFO permitting, which is the subject
13 matter of tonight's hearing. Each commenter will be
14 given three minutes of time in which to offer their
15 comments. Your time will start when the person starts
16 talking.

17 There is no sharing or yielding of
18 anybody's time with each other. Each person gets
19 three minutes. And, of course, if you run out of time
20 and you fail to get everything said that you want to,
21 that's fine. You can feel free to either supplement
22 or just completely add more comments to what you've
23 prepared to speak tonight.

24 As long as they are received by

1 February 4th, as I mentioned previously, they will be
2 incorporated into the record, and they bear the same
3 weight as if they were offered live.

4 So with that being said, our first
5 person is Kathy Martin.

6 Westley, have we located Kathy on the
7 attendance?

8 MR. LOOK: Yes. She -- she's been in
9 attendance today.

10 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay.

11 And, Kathy, I believe that you are
12 unmuted. Can you hear me?

13 MS. MARTIN: Yes, I can.

14 THE HEARING OFFICER: All righty.

15 Westley will start the timer when you
16 begin to speak. So whenever you're ready, you can
17 begin.

18 MS. MARTIN: Good evening. Thank you
19 for the opportunity to make these comments.

20 My name is Kathy Martin, and just a
21 couple of things I'd like to talk about. We already
22 submitted some written comments, and we'll submit some
23 more.

24 On page 17 of the GP2, there is a item

1 called "public access to information." And I think
2 it's important that we make sure that crop yields are
3 available for public view and that that is not held as
4 confidential information.

5 The whole entire concept of allowing
6 the disposal of CAFO waste on land is based on the
7 crop's ability to uptake nutrients. And if we don't
8 have access to the actual yield, then we're -- then,
9 you know, we're working on fantasy numbers; correct?

10 So I -- I wanted to make that clear
11 that the crop yield dictates the amount of nitrogen
12 that the crop can use and the phosphorus. If we don't
13 have the actual yields, if we're hiding that
14 information, then the operator applicant could say
15 anything as far as nutrient uptake.

16 And the public and the agency -- well,
17 the public, for certain, wouldn't be able to
18 contradict that because we wouldn't have their actual
19 numbers.

20 And then the other thing I wanted to
21 talk about is you had added some best management
22 practices under the TMDL paragraph, such as cover
23 crops, traditional commodity, soil conservation, water
24 quality plans, conservation tillage, no-till.

1 And none of those actually change the
2 amount of manure that is land-applied every year on
3 crops in Delaware that has the potential to build up
4 nutrients, cause nutrient runoff, and pollution of
5 surface water, cause seepage into the subsurface, and
6 cause pollution of groundwater.

7 And that if you are going to make a
8 "hullabaloo" about adding additional best management
9 practices, perhaps you should add some that actually
10 reduce the amount of manure that's land-applied,
11 thereby giving some hope of stopping the pollution
12 that's been going on thus far.

13 Thank you for the opportunity to make
14 these comments.

15 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you,
16 Ms. Martin. Your comments are appreciated. And
17 again, if you wish to supplement or anything else,
18 feel free to do so. We'll go through the address and
19 the ways that you can do that in a couple minutes
20 here.

21 The last person to comment tonight is
22 Maria Payan.

23 Maria, I believe you've been unmuted.
24 Can you hear me?

1 MS. PAYAN: Yes, I can.

2 THE HEARING OFFICER: All righty. The
3 timer will start when you do, so proceed when you're
4 ready.

5 MS. PAYAN: Okay. Thank you for the
6 opportunity to comment.

7 As most people know, I have a big
8 concern with the water quality because of the geology
9 here. We are on very sandy soils with a very high
10 water table and some shallow wells. A lot of people
11 are on well water. So that's key, I think, when it
12 comes to the CAFO permits and nutrient management
13 planning.

14 One thing I want to point out. We know
15 that farming has changed a lot, especially in the last
16 decade. What -- what used to be, you know, 400-foot
17 barns with 20,000 birds are now 600-, 650-foot barns
18 with 50,000 birds.

19 And when you have, you know, 12 of
20 these at a time with a 5.5 rotation for each set of
21 birds per year, you are talking sometimes over
22 5 million birds at one site. Which when we look at
23 the setbacks for the counties, they are different.

24 In Sussex County, we only have a

1 50-foot setback from the property line and 200 foot
2 from dwellings. Which when you have these fans and
3 millions of chickens housed at one time on a site,
4 over a million, that's a lot of particulate matter and
5 dust and things that are blowing out, and it will end
6 up into the water.

7 Everything that goes up must go down.
8 There's ammonia deposition. And I worry about the
9 health of not only the waterways but the neighbors
10 being in such close proximity.

11 I also wanted to comment about the
12 stockpiling. I believe, like, that all -- if -- if
13 you're going to have these houses, there should be
14 adequate manure storage. To have this stockpiling out
15 in the open where the weather can hit it -- and we are
16 so prone to contamination -- I think is pretty much a
17 recipe for disaster.

18 So if we could put and make sure that
19 every farm has appropriate manure storage on site,
20 that would be a great help to our waterways.

21 And I also wanted to -- I saw the
22 memorandum of understanding, and permitting had
23 changed to where the dry litter was now under --
24 getting permits since 2011.

1 But I believe after the last 2016, the
2 memorandum of understanding, there was another
3 agreement because they were so backlogged on the
4 permits that so many had to be done per year between
5 the EPA and DNREC and DDA. I don't see that up there,
6 so I wanted to ask if they are all -- they have been
7 currently updated now within the records.

8 And we will be sending in some more
9 written comments. But those are just some things I
10 could think of.

11 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Great.
12 Thank you, Ms. Payan. I appreciate your comments. As
13 always, they are greatly appreciated.

14 Jessica, if you're still there, I would
15 ask that you put up that final slide of your
16 presentation because that just shows how people
17 comment, and it gives the address that they can
18 comment to. If we could do that.

19 As we move to go and conclude tonight's
20 proceedings, I want to thank everybody for taking
21 their time to join us and listen to the presentations.

22 We want to remind everybody, as we
23 always do, all the various ways that people can
24 comment.

1 Comment can be submitted through a
2 comment link form on the hearing page. If you're
3 online, and you're on the hearing page, you'll see a
4 little button to the right, and it'll just say "click
5 here for a comment."

6 You can send it via email to
7 dnrechearingcomments@delaware.gov. Or via the good
8 old United States Postal Service at the physical
9 address that you see on the slide.

10 Thank you, Jessica.

11 You can make it to my attention, and it
12 goes to DNREC at the Office of the Secretary, 89 Kings
13 Highway, Dover, Delaware 19901.

14 I would like to note that written
15 comment to DNREC may not be submitted using standard
16 social media platforms, such as Twitter or X,
17 Facebook, YouTube, or standardized text messaging.

18 And again, please remember that all
19 comment -- whether we heard it live this evening or
20 whether it came in prior to the hearing or whether it
21 comes in between now and February 4th -- as long as
22 it's related to the subject matter of tonight's
23 hearing, it will be incorporated into the record, and
24 it will get posted on the hearing page. And it will

1 be taken into consideration prior to any decision
2 being made.

3 Again, this formal hearing, as do all
4 DNREC public hearings; they act as a mechanism for,
5 one, for the department to provide the platform for
6 the public to come and hear about this stuff, and also
7 to obtain comment from members of the public should
8 they wish to do so.

9 I want to thank everybody for coming
10 again. Again, if you wish to offer comment, feel free
11 to do so between now and February 4, 2026.

12 I hope everybody has a lovely rest of
13 the week. Stock up at the grocery store. It's
14 supposed to snow.

15 And this hearing is here by adjourned.

16 (Whereupon, at 6:20 p.m., the
17 proceeding was concluded.)
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CERTIFICATE

I, CARLO FLORIO, the officer before whom the foregoing proceedings were taken, do hereby certify that any witness(es) in the foregoing proceedings, prior to testifying, were duly sworn; that the proceedings were recorded by me and thereafter reduced to typewriting by a qualified transcriptionist; that said digital audio recording of said proceedings are a true and accurate record to the best of my knowledge, skills, and ability; that I am neither counsel for, related to, nor employed by any of the parties to the action in which this was taken; and, further, that I am not a relative or employee of any counsel or attorney employed by the parties hereto, nor financially or otherwise interested in this action.



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2 Part V. Depositions and Discovery

3 Title V, Rule 30

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5 (e) Submission to witness; changes; signing. When
6 the testimony is fully transcribed, the deposition
7 shall be submitted to the witness for examination
8 and shall be read to the witness, unless such
9 examination and reading are waived by the witness
10 and by the parties. Any changes in form or
11 substance which the witness desires to make shall
12 be entered upon the deposition by the officer with
13 a statement of the reasons given by the witness for
14 making them. The deposition shall then be signed by
15 the witness, unless the parties by stipulation
16 waive the signing or the witness is ill or cannot
17 be found or refuses to sign. If the deposition is
18 not signed by the witness within 30 days after the
19 date when the reporter notifies the witness and
20 counsel by mail of the availability for examination
21 by the witness, the officer shall sign it and state
22 on the record the fact of the waiver or of the
23 illness or absence of the witness or the fact of
24 the refusal to sign together with the reason, if
25 any, given therefor; and the deposition may then be

1 used as fully as though signed, unless on a motion
2 to suppress under Rule 32(d) the Court holds that
3 the reasons given for the refusal to sign require
4 rejection of the deposition in whole or in part.
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