

2.3.4.4 Permitting Framework and Scope/ Permit Program Areas/ Animal Feeding Operations (AFO)/Class IA CAFOs

Applicability:

Defines Class IA concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs). Discusses required permits for such operations.

Content:

An animal feeding operation (AFO) is a lot, building, or complex at an operating location where:

- animals have been, are, or will be stabled or confined and fed or maintained for a total of 45-days or more in any 12-month period; and
- a ground cover of vegetation is not sustained over at least 50% of the animal confinement area.

This definition is similar to the definition of AFO presented at 10 CSR 20-6.300(1)(B)4 and is based on the federal definition of AFO found at 40 CFR 122.23(b)1.

An operation that does not meet the above criteria is not considered an AFO and is not regulated by 10 CSR 20-6.300, regardless of the number of animals at the operation.

A Class IA concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) is an operation where there are at least 7,000 animal units. The term animal unit (AU) is defined at 10 CSR 20-6.300(1)(B)3.

Class IA CAFOs must apply to the department for an operating permit (see 10 CSR 20-6.300(2)(B)).

Legal References:

Code of State Regulations:

[10 CSR 20-6.300](#) Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs)

Other Links:

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