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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joann Freeborn at 3:30 p.m. on February 9, 1999 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Rep. Douglas Johnston - excused

Rep. Tom Sloan - excused Rep. Ted Powers - excused

Rep. Dennis McKinney - excused

Rep. Lisa Benlon - excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes

Mary Ann Graham, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Dr. Ronald Hammerschmidt, Director, Division of

Environment, Kansas Department Health and Environment,

Forbes Field Bldg. 740, Topeka, KS 66620-0001

Tracy Streeter, Executive Director, Conservation Commission, Mills Bldg., 109 SW 9th, Ste 500, Topeka, KS 66612-1299 Terry Duvall, Public Service Executive, Kansas Water Office,

109 SW 9th, Ste 300, Topeka, KS 66612-1249

Clint Riley, Attorney, Department Wildlife and Parks, 900 SW

Jackson, Ste 502, Topeka, KS 66612-1220

Bill Bider, Director, Bureau Waste Management, Forbes Field,

Bldg. 740, Topeka, KS 66620-0001

Linda Peterson, Marion County Commissioner, RR 2, Box 34,

Burdick, KS 66838

Others attending:

See attached list

Chairperson Joann Freeborn called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.. She reviewed several documents that had been distributed to committee members. Information from the Kansas Corporation Commission regarding Status Report on Implementation of Recommendations that was requested by committee members in the February 4 meeting. (See attachment 1) Copies of slides on Total Maximum Daily Loads that was presented by Thomas Stiles, Director, Planning and Prevention, KDHE on February 4. (See attachment 3 in February 4 minutes); a newspaper article from the Clay Center Dispatch concerning deer population; and testimony from Rick M. Langdon, Lucas, Kansas, conferee on HB 2124, received after the February 2 hearing on the bill. (See attachment 8, February 2 minutes). The Chairperson reviewed the agenda for Thursday February 11. Kansas State University will review findings relating to 1998 HB2950 and Dr. Jay Ham will review a report on Lagoon Study. Also possible action on bills previously heard.

Chairperson Freeborn welcomed Dr. Ronald Hammerschmidt, KDHE. He introduced Greg Foley, Section Chief, Livestock Management Section, KDHE. Mr. Foley briefed the committee on the 1998 Legislative report on Kansas Livestock Waste Management Program. The 1998 Legislative session developed and adopted HB2950 that defined requirements for the KDHE to prepare "on or before the first day of the 1999 and 2000 regular legislative sessions, the Secretary shall submit a report regarding implementation of the provisions of K.S.A. 65-171d and sections 2 through 22, and amendments thereto, to the house and senate standing committees on agriculture, the senate standing committee on energy and natural resources and the house standing committee on environment." The following information was prepared to address the first half of the above quoted requirement. (See attachment 2) He also used overhead views for the briefing which included Evaluation; Data Management Overhaul; Calendar Year 1998 Activities; and Livestock Waste Management. (See attachment 3) Questions and discussion followed.

The Chairperson thanked Dr. Hammerschmidt and Mr. Foley for their presentation and congratulated them on a job well done. She opened the hearing on **HB 2144**:

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, Room 423-S Statehouse, at 3:30 p.m. on February 9, 1999

HB 2144: An Act amending the multipurpose small lakes program act; amending K.S.A. 82a-1603 and repealing the existing section.

Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes, explained the bill.

The Chairperson welcomed Tracy Streeter, Executive Director, Conservation Commission, to the committee. He testified in support of the bill, with amendments proposed by the Kansas Water Office. (See attachment 4) If passed this bill will enable the Multipurpose Small Lakes Program to assist local entities in the renovation of existing water supply and recreation lakes. He discussed costs of a typical application for assistance.

The Chairperson welcomed Terry Duvall, Kansas Water Office. She appeared as a proponent to the bill. However, the Kansas Water Office does believe the concerns regarding the eligibility of renovation projects for financial assistance under this act can be addressed in a different manner. (See attachment 5) Questions and discussion followed.

The Chairperson closed the hearing on **HB2144** and opened hearing on **HB2146**:

HB 2146: An act concerning expenditures related to certain wetlands; amending K.S.A. 1998 Supp. 32-846 and repealing the existing section.

Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes, explained the bill.

Chairperson Freeborn welcomed Clint Riley, Attorney, Department Wildlife and Parks. He testified in support of the bill. (See attachment 6) During the 1998 Legislative Session, both the House and Senate unanimously approved 1998 HB 2783, which authorized the Department of Wildlife and Parks to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to restore approximately 2,550 acres of wetlands near Milford Lake, and to designate an area of the project the "Steve Lloyd Wetlands", in honor of the former chair of the House Committee on Environment. For legal reasons adjustment to the statutory language is necessary. In order to enable the Department of Wildlife and Parks and the Corps to jointly proceed with this important project they request the passage of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

The Chairperson closed the hearing on **HB2146** and opened hearing on **HB2147**:

HB2147: An act concerning solid waste; authorizing disposal of certain wastes without a permit; amending K.S.A. 1998 Supp. 65-3407c and repealing the existing section.

Mary Torrence explained the bill.

Chairperson Freeborn welcomed Bill Bider, Director, Bureau of Waste Management, KDHE. He appeared in support of the bill. (See attachment 7) KDHE appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the bill which was introduced by the Department. The purpose of this bill is to broaden KDHE's authority to approve of certain solid waste disposal activities without requiring the person performing the disposal activity to obtain a permit.

The Chairperson welcomed Linda Peterson, County Commissioner, Marion County to the committee. She appeared in support of the bill (See attachment 8) and feels this bill is very important to Marion county. She has had a long standing concern for cleanup of debris from natural disasters, such as tornadoes, floods and lightening strike fires. She has been reminded by the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator many times how important it is for Marion county to be prepared to handle debris from a tornado and urges the passage of this bill.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, Room 423-S Statehouse, at 3:30 p.m. on February 9, 1999.

The Chairperson closed the hearing on <u>HB2147</u>. She opened <u>HB2104</u> for discussion and possible action.

<u>HB2104:</u> An act concerning controlled shooting areas; amending K.S.A. 32-943 and repealing the existing section.

Rep. Sharon Schwartz made a motion **HB2104** be passed favorably and placed on the consent calendar. Rep. Dan Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Chairperson opened **HB2145** for discussion and possible action.

HB2145: An act concerning solid waste; relating to certain permits; amending K.S.A. 1998 Supp. 65-3407 and repealing the existing section.

Rep. Becky Hutchins made a motion to amend **HB2145**, page 5 line 15 after the word "issue". Rep. Gerry Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rep. Becky Hutchins made a motion **HB2145** be passed as amended. Rep. Sharon Schwartz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 1999.

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Status Report on Implementation of Recommendations from

Legislative Division of Post Audit K-GOAL Audit of the Conservation Division Kansas Corporation Commission

January, 1999

Recommendations Page 16 & 17 of Audit Report:

Recommendation 1 (Written Policies and Procedures)

The Division, as part of its Underground Injection Control grant from the U.S. EPA, has completed a very detailed set of written procedures for water sampling and testing. In addition the Division has begun the process of developing written procedures for the field staff with regard to some of its most important field procedures. Draft procedures and documentation requirements have been developed through the district field offices in the following areas: lease inspections, mechanical integrity testing of Class II injection and disposal wells, and spill reporting and clean-up procedures.

Recommendation 1a (Documentation of Lease Inspections)

The Division has contracted for further customization of the Risk Based Data Management System, including enhancements to the existing "Environmental Lease Inspections" module, which will be used to track and document lease inspections. Report and data field requirements have been reviewed with the contractor. Importing existing lease data from KDOR files should significantly shorten initial data entry requirements.

Recommendation 1b (Tracking of Complaints / Documentation of Investigations)
A standardized database for tracking complaints and compliance matters has been developed.
Implementation of the database in all four of the district field offices has been ongoing throughout 1998. Final implementation was completed as of January 1, 1999.

Recommendation 1c and 1d (Timeframes for Corrective Action / Documentation)
In 1998, the Conservation Division legal staff developed and presented mini-seminars to further educate the district staff on appropriate documentation for lease inspections and compliance problems. District personnel are being encouraged to consult with the legal staff "early and often" regarding specific compliance concerns. Through this ongoing cooperative effort between the legal staff and the district offices, appropriate timeframes for corrective action and guidelines for extending timeframes are being carefully developed. This cooperative process will lead to better legal education among staff, and more consistent, appropriate guidelines.

House Environment 2-9-99 Attachment Recommendation 2 (Data Entry Accuracy and Verification of Data in Computer Database) As previously reported the recently installed Risk Based Data Management System does have data entry checks which serve to reduce data entry error. Additional functionality and control over data entry error has been provided through development of specific data entry screens. The inclusion of pull down menus and lists on the new input screens greatly reduce keystroke error and maintains standardization of the database. Verification of new records created through the intent to drill permit process are verified on a daily basis. Additional verification of data is provided through data queries created by staff. Such queries can be designed to show possible missing or unreliable data. Data queries are also used for comparative purposes such as records duplication checks. A duplicate data edit module is currently being developed by contractors provided through a grant from the Groundwater Protection Council.

Recommendation 3 (Intent to Drill Permits - Automated Compliance Checks)

The production department now has a query in place that compares the Intent to Drill permit date against the commencement date of a well and automatically generates a list of wells which could have commenced drilling operations prior to obtaining an Intent to Drill permit. This query can be done at any time, but is currently run bi-annually for compliance purposes.

Recommendation 4 (Lease Inspection Schedule)

The ongoing enhancements to the "Environmental Lease Inspections" module of the Risk Based Data Management System will be used to plan, track, and document lease inspections. Tying the inspection planning to an existing relational, risk based data system will allow staff to allocate appropriate resources to inspections of leases or exploration operational areas that have higher levels of risk.

Recommendation 5 (Compliance Case Management by Legal Staff)

Legal staff is now operating under draft procedures which specify timelines for cases referred for legal action. Further review and streamlining of the case handling and clerical process began in December 1998, with the hiring of a lawyer to oversee the process.

Recommendation 6 (Procedures - Reduced / Rescinded Penalties)

The Division completed its report on this item in its initial response dated February 17, 1998. The Division has procedures which outline the level of authorization necessary to negotiate or approve reduced or rescinded fines. The procedures specified that fines may be reduced or rescinded only in accordance with Commission orders.

Recommendation 7 (Compliance with Proration Orders)

The Division has proposed amendments to three basic proration orders designed to bring "out of tolerance" wells into compliance, without causing undue harm to affected third parties. (Affected third parties include in many instances, farmers who rely on gas from out of tolerance wells to fuel their irrigation pumps, and homeowners who rely on gas from out of tolerance wells for heating fuel). A hearing on the proposed amendments was held December 10, 1998, and the deadline for filing briefs was January 4, 1999. The Commission and staff are in the process of evaluating issues raised in the briefs, before the Commission makes a final decision.

Recommendations Page 27 of Audit Report:

Recommendation 1a (Formal Plugging Plan)

The Division prepared and presented a formal plugging plan to the Legislative Post Audit Committee on April 15, 1998. The plan calls for immediate response with emergency action for those wells which have the highest level of risk relative to public safety and sets target levels for distribution of funding to wells ranked in the Priority I category.

Recommendation 1b and 1c (Completion of Abandoned Well Inventory)

The Division continues to place a high priority on the orderly completion and reinspection of abandoned well sites and good progress has been made through the use of Global Positioning System (GPS) technology. In 1997, the Conservation Division had three standard Global Positioning System (GPS) units assigned to the Chanute district office. During 1998, the Conservation Division added one additional GPS unit to the Chanute office and upgraded all four units with beacon receivers. These receivers allow the GPS units to receive real time data without the use of a base station and have essentially doubled the capabilities of that office. In addition, each of the other district field offices (Dodge City, Hays, & Wichita) received two of the standard GPS units.

Recommendation 2 (Extending the Abandoned Well Site Remediation Fund)
The Commission continues to concur with the recommendation that an extension of the Abandoned Well Program beyond its current "sunset clause" of June 30, 2002 is the most practical method of resolving the number of abandoned wells that need to be plugged.

Recommendation 3 (Documentation / Guidelines for Bid Procedures)

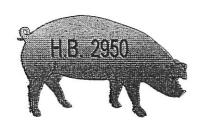
The District offices continue to work closely with the Commission accounting office and the Department of Administration on documentation of bid procedures for those well plugging projects where costs are expected to be less than \$10,000. The Divison of Purchasing and the Commission accounting office have provided training to District staff and both offices continue to monitor bid submittals versus final costs.

Recommendations Page 32 of Audit Report:

Recommendation 1 (Clarification of Legislative Intent for Financial Assurance Fees)
In its initial response to the audit report the Division agreed that legislative clarification as to segregation and use of funds derived from the Financial Assurance Program would be helpful. The Division had noted at that time that the program had been in place less than sixty days and little data was available for analysis. Licensing data and funds generated through the Financial Assurance Program has been tracked by the Division during 1998. In summary that data shows that: 2078 licensed operators provided financial assurance through the payment of a \$50 non-refundable fee thereby generating \$103,900; 191 licensed operators provided financial assurance through cash payments based on bonding requirements tied to the number of wells operated or total footage of wells operated thereby generating payments in excess of \$57,500; 103 licensed operators provided financial assurance through the posting of bonds, certificates of deposit, or

letters of credit creating plugging assurances totaling in excess of \$1,573,000.

Recommendation 2 (Efforts to Locate Responsible Parties for Plugging of Abandoned Wells) The Division is continuing to take all reasonable efforts to pursue responsible parties and to appropriately document such efforts. The search for responsible parties can become expensive and pursuing a judgment against a judgment-proof responsible party will not always be cost-effective. Balancing the need to be cost-effective, the Division and legal staff have concentrated their efforts toward documenting and pursuing those parties responsible for plugging costs.



Kansas Livestock Waste Management Program

1998 Legislative Report

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House Environment 2-9-99 Attachment 2



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The 1998 Legislative Session developed and adopted House Bill 2950 that defined requirements for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment(KDHE) to prepare "On or before the first day of the 1999 and 2000 regular legislative sessions, the secretary shall submit a report regarding implementation of the provisions of K.S.A. 65-171d and sections 2 through 22, and amendments thereto, to the house and senate standing committees on agriculture, the senate standing committee on energy and natural resources and the house standing committee on environment." The following information was prepared to address the first half of the above quoted requirement.

Bureau Mission: To protect and improve the health and environment of Kansans through wise regulation of waters of the state.

Philosophy: Bureau philosophy is to implement the laws in a professional manner which achieves the law's goals reliably and cost-effectively. Program goals are established to enhance public trust and understanding for state government.

Program Mission: Work with entities involved in animal agriculture to educate and implement statutory and regulatory requirements to maintain and/or achieve environmental compliance to protect the waters of the state.

Executive Summary: The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has been assigned the responsibility for making decisions that affect the physical health and environment of Kansans. The 1998 session assigned additional complex statutes, primarily addressed at swine, that invoke KDHE to develop a strategic plan, reorganize existing program, and acquire new staff to address the charge outlined in House Bill 2950. This team must have the knowledge to assess all aspects of a situation, the skills to implement chosen responses, the judgement to determine the repercussions of any given decision, and the dedication to work on sensitive environmental issues under difficult conditions.

The Livestock Waste Management Program history in Kansas dates back to the adoption of regulations in 1968. Kansas livestock facilities that are greater than 300 animal units are required to register with the department. The registration will allow staff to visit and evaluate the site to make a determination if a significant potential to pollute exists. An Animal Unit(AU) is terminology that describes a value or factor to calculate potential waste loads that considers the variability associated with multi-specie regulation. Facilities that are greater than 1000 AU's are subject to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements. The NPDES provisions are Federal mandates spawned from 1972 amendments to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act also known as the Clean Water Act. KDHE has been delegated the authority, via legislative action, to implement the federal program in conjunction with the state program.



Program Accomplishments:

The primary focus of this report is to identify the components and methods KDHE has and/or will be using to implement the provisions of H.B. 2950. Every component found within the report could be included in this focus area, however, to identify the strategic implementation efforts, this section will address a brief synopsis of District Office activity. The following data represents activity for the Federal Fiscal Year 1998, October 1, 1997 thru September 30, 1998:

Activity	Totals
Inspections	
Federal Facilities	334
State Facilities	374
Certified Facilities	91
Complaints	121
Discharges	14
Site Appraisals	358
Post Construction Inspections	14
Permits Issued:	
Federal	48
State	35
Certifications	109
Renewals	41
Other Activities:	
Technical Assistance	
Telephone	1395
On-Site	280
Follow-up Inspections	117

Note: All Federal facilities were inspected in calendar year 1998!



Central Office activities throughout the calendar year centered around the legislative session and changes to implement the new statutory requirements. Primary activities included the development of regulations, program manual implementation guidance, a new database, preparation of position descriptions, hiring newly authorized Livestock Waste Management staff, of training new and existing staff, coordination with swine advisory committee, and the review and preparation of concurrence reports on agricultural permits receiving comments.

The majority of the year the central office staff consisted of an Environmental Scientist, a Professional Environmental Engineer, and an Environmental Technician. As of January 4, 1999 all the central office vacancies will be filled. Appendix B includes organizational charts for the central and district offices. The steep learning curve creates challenges for program staff, however, a sound strategic plan and realistic implementation timelines will ensure successful long-range results.

Regulations:

In late 1997, KDHE had developed a set of preliminary draft regulations updating the current regulatory requirements and design standards. The regulations and design standards are used in administering water pollution control activities associated with animal and other process wastes generated by confined livestock feeding operations. As a part of KDHE's attempt to obtain public input on the various concepts and proposals being considered, the text of these concepts and proposals was published in its entirety in the Kansas Register on December 18, 1997.

During the 1998 Legislative Session a number of bills were introduced addressing livestock waste management associated with swine facilities. During the session, the Substitute for House Bill No. 2950 (HB 2950) was passed, signed by Governor Graves, and published in the Kansas Register on May 7, 1998. Provisions of HB2950 required KDHE to develop and adopt regulations by January 1, 1999 that were required to implement and administer the provisions of HB 2950. In lieu of the concepts and proposals considered in the December 1997 draft regulation and the revised draft design standards, KDHE concentrated on making the critical program changes needed at this time to comply with Legislative intent regarding implementation of the HB 2950 provisions by January 1, 1999.

On June 11, 1998, KDHE conducted a public meeting to obtain input from the livestock industry, trade associations representing the livestock industry in Kansas, environmental groups, governmental officials, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the general public, and other state and federal agencies as to what they wanted to see addressed in the proposed regulations that would be required to implement HB 2950.

During the development phase of the draft regulations, a preliminary draft of the regulations were presented to and discussed with the Secretary's Swine Facility Advisory Committee on July 30 and August 4, 1998 to receive their input.



The draft regulations, regulatory impact statement, and scheduled public hearings were public noticed in the Kansas Register on August 27, 1998. KDHE staff met with the Kansas Legislature Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations (Joint Committee) on September 9 and 18 and October 6, 1998 to discuss the draft regulations. These meetings resulted in a letter from the Joint Committee to KDHE dated October 7, 1998, summarizing their comments and concerns.

During the public notice period, KDHE received thirty (30) written comments regarding the proposed regulations. A total of four public hearings were conducted statewide in Manhattan, Iola, Hays, and Garden City on the afternoons/evenings of October 26 and 28, 1998. The transcripts, attendance records, and materials presented to KDHE at the hearings are available upon request. A total of 91 individuals participated in the public hearings and 23 people made oral presentations and/or written comments to KDHE.

Secretary Gary R. Mitchell formally adopted and submitted the regulations, KAR 28-18-1 through 28-18-15 and KAR 28-18a-1 through 28-18a-32 to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations on December 11, 1998.

Program Strategies:

Hiring of New Staff: The 1998 Legislature allocated 11.5 new Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions and \$558,700 to assist in the implementation requirements of the statutory mandates required within HB 2950. After a comprehensive program analysis, KDHE staff developed a strategic plan to outline a roadmap for delivery of the newly adopted requirements. The plan identified several key areas that required change for the enhanced program delivery requirements. Key components within the plan included Data Management, Equipment, Monitoring Program, Internal and External Customer Training/Education, and Implementation/Guidance Manuals. The key elements were utilized in the evaluation of staffing allocations of the 11.5 FTE's. The following tables identify the position descriptions and locations of new Livestock Waste Management Program staff:

Pos	itio	n D	escri	ption				Location
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Professional Environmental Engineer I	North Central District (Salina)		
Professional Environmental Engineer I	Southwest District (Dodge City)		
Environmental Technician III	South Central District (Wichita)		
Environmental Technician III	Northwest District (Hays)		
Environmental Technician III	Southeast District(Chanute)		
Office Assistant III	Southwest District (Dodge City)		
Professional Environmental Engineer II	Central Office		
Environmental Scientist III	Central Office		
Environmental Geologist I	Central Office		
Environmental Technician IV	Central Office		

Position Description	Location
Office Specialist	Central Office

* 0.5 FTE position will provide System Software Analyst - Statewide

The Central Office organizational chart referenced in Appendix B, will consist of two core units, a technical support unit and an implementation/training unit. The technical unit mission is to address design review problems encountered in the district offices, prepare technical review concurrence documents on permits receiving comments, preparing technical bulletins to transfer new technologies to the district staff and to assist in maintenance of the design standards and regulations. The implementation unit mission is to develop and maintain program guidance manuals that provide clear concise direction on programmatic issues, continual in-field training for new employees and to ensure consistent program implementation is occurring statewide. In addition, this unit will assist in temporary overload work areas, develop and administer the ground water monitoring program components for swine facilities, statutorily required to install wells, and conduct training seminars for internal and external customers on multiple program related issues.

Staff Training: Staff Training is a key element to provide the ability for KDHE to meet the expectations outlined in HB 2950. KDHE administrative staff have identified the following priority areas for training needs:

- ♦ HB 2950
- Newly adopted Kansas Administrative Regulations
- ♦ Implementation Training Reference Manual
- ♦ Windows NT Operating Systems
- ♦ Lotus Notes Communication Systems
- New Livestock Waste Management Database

Training efforts began in middle May of 1998. The first phase training effort was to involve the management staff at the District Offices in the process of developing guidance as well as training district level managers on the complex components of the law and how it relates to the Livestock Waste Management Program.

Guidance Manual:

This Central Office, Bureau of Environmental Field Services, and District Environmental Administrators workgroup developed the initial working manual for KDHE staff to utilize as a reference document for the complex new rules for the swine industry. The Livestock Waste Program training manual is attached in Appendix C. It is the vision of the section to enhance the Internet site of the KDHE to include the Manual and applicable information and links with search menu option functions. KDHE gathered the entire LWM implementation team in Salina on November 19 and 20, 1998 to conduct an open dialog/training of the Draft Manual in its entirety. Draft Manuals were distributed to all staff and input received during the training session was documented and incorporated when applicable or consistent with the administrations mission.

Database:

The following section previews the overhaul and components of the new data management system. The first training session for district staff occurred December 2 and 3, 1998 where Windows NT and a database overview was given. The December training sessions were conducted in the computer training lab located at Forbes Field, Topeka. Upcoming/ongoing training will include Lotus Notes and multiple in-office one-on-one assistance sessions to increase the working knowledge/comfort level of LWM staff. The database will have a live link to the Kansas Department of Agriculture for input of Nutrient Utilization Plan components and facility information access. In summary, tremendous commitments have been made by the agency, not only to develop the system, but to ensure the opportunity for successful implementation.

Livestock Waste Management Database Introduction

The existing Feedlot system was analyzed for year 2000 compliance during the fall of 1997. The system was designated as non-compliant with a failure date of 01/1999. As the Year 2000 Readiness Assessment was finishing up, a decision was made to replace the Feedlot Application as opposed to the remediation of it. The decision was driven by the legislature wanting to insure that Year 2000 budget appropriations were expended in the most sensible fashion.

The recent legislation required specific technology enhancements to the Feedlot system for swine facilities. This included the ability to publish information on the Internet. This functionality will be incorporated by the January 1, 1999 legislation effective date.

This section of the report presents the detail design of the Feedlot Permitting System for the Livestock Waste Management Program(LWMP), Bureau of Water and Bureau of Environmental Field Services(BEFS). This design is the result of input from the following:

- ♦ Central Office Staff
- ♦ District Environmental Administrators
- District Water Engineers
- ♦ District Environmental Technicians

The System was defined to utilize and enhance existing functions which include:

- ♦ Facility information
- ♦ Site Appraisal information
- ♦ Permitting/Certification information
- ♦ Inspection information
- Reporting abilities



The requirements of legislation to place certain documentation on the Internet was included in the system expansion. In addition, based on management direction, the system was defined to provide the following capabilities:

- ♦ System Controls
- ♦ Enforcement Tracking
- ♦ Correspondence History
- ♦ File Tracking(Barcoding)
- ♦ Complaints

The combination of these functions provide a comprehensive and technology based package for LWMP and BEFS.

Livestock Waste Management Database Workflow

Analysis of the feedlot system and its corresponding work flows, provided the information necessary to determine the functional steps required to develop the proposed system. A flowchart has been used to show the overall system processes. Each function within the overall process is listed below and will be described in detail on the following pages.

Function	Description		
Application/Registration	Data entry of facility and animal information		
Site Appraisal	Entry of site appraisal information		
Plan Documentation	Establish and collect documentation needed for plan		
Plan Review/Approval	Review of plan and documentation for completeness		
Public Comments	Collection of information during public comment		
Public Hearing	Information needed for public hearings		
Certifications	Preparation of certifications		
Permits	Preparation of permits		
Inspections	Print inspection form and data entry		
Enforcement	Follow up processes to ensure compliance of permit		
Nutrient Testing .	Entry of soil and water well test results		
Correspondence tracking	History of correspondence prepared by system		
File Request	Electronic requesting and tracking of permit files		
Invoice	Billing and payment processing		

Function	Description		
Reports	Reporting system access		
Renewal	steps necessary to process a permit renewal		
Expansion	Special facility expansion processing		
Controls	Control table information		
Complaints	Complaint tracking and processing		

The following descriptions outline subsequent pages and the abridged version pictorial tour of the Livestock Waste Management Database.

Main Menu:

Figure 1 is the main menu of the livestock waste management program database. From this area all functions of the database can be accessed.

Permits:

Figures 2 and 3 are screen views of the database permit utility. This process creates the draft permit in the district. This permit can be modified when the final permit approval is received. After the permit issued date is entered, the system will not allow the permit information to be updated.

Inspections:

Figures 4 and 5 show actual screen views of the inspection utility of the LWMP database. Frequency of the inspection will be based on legislation and the size of the facility in combination with the animal type. When the permit is issued, the next inspection date will be established based on the permit issued date. For ongoing inspections, the next inspection date will be updated by adding the inspection frequency to the inspection date. The technician will have the ability to request an inspection form for a particular facility. Information entered on the form during the inspection will be keyed into the system. This will be used to produce an inspection notification letter to the facility. Compliance issues will be documented into the system for follow-up and/or enforcement.

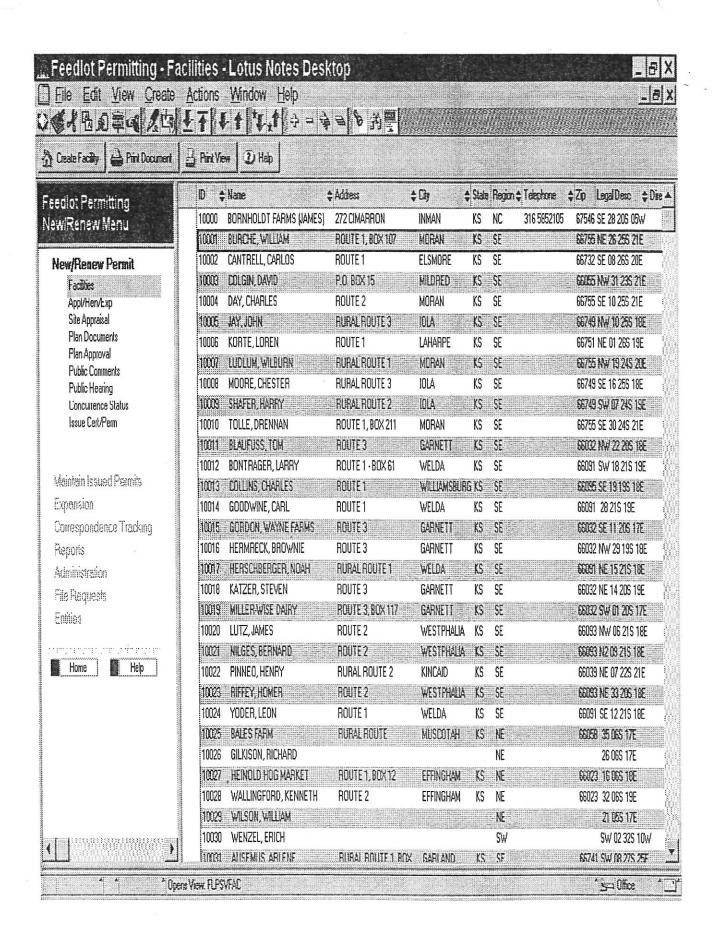
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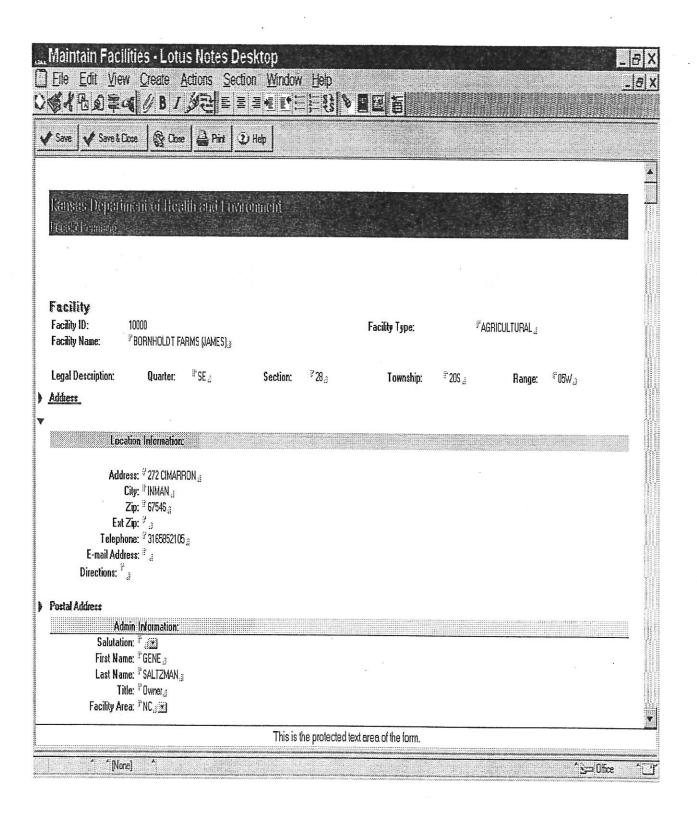
Figures 6 and 7 illustrate the reporting capability of the LWMP database. The system will display a menu of reports to be selected on request. Some of these reports will have the ability to make selections on specific information (i.e. animal types, district and facility size).

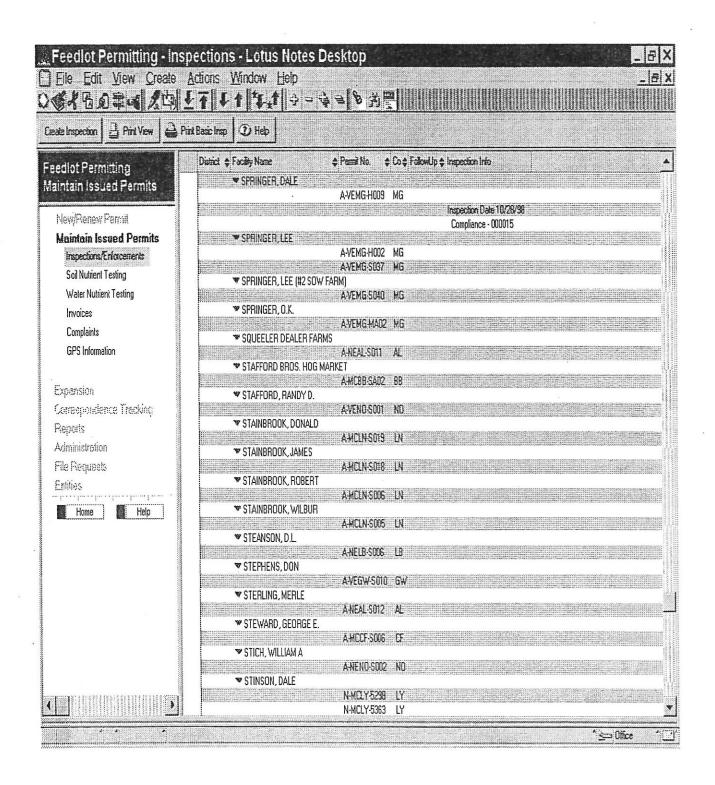
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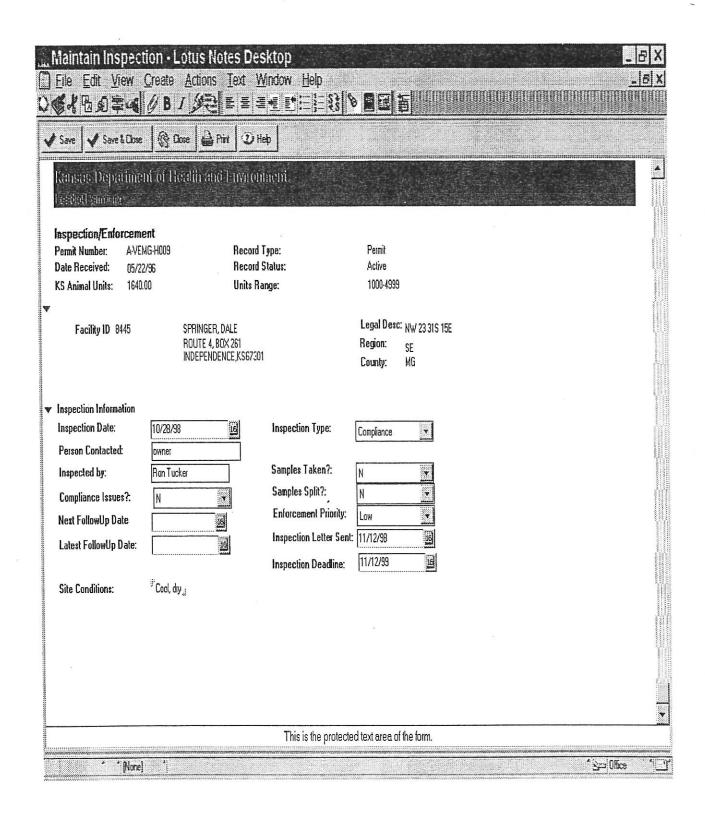


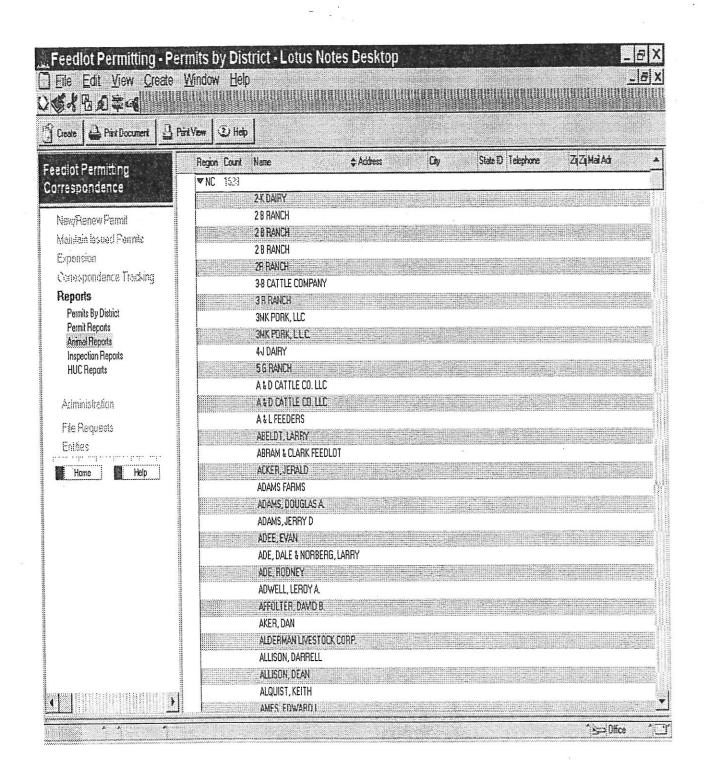
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Equipment:

The database referenced above requires a 100 Megahertz or greater processor and at least 32 MG of RAM. The entire program staff had inadequate equipment necessary to utilize the system. The agency purchased new or upgraded all systems used in the Livestock Waste Management Program to establish a working platform for all users as required by the system.

Compliance Workshops:

KDHE staff are currently working with Kansas State University(KSU), Kansas Department of Agriculture, and Industry representatives to address external customer training needs. The two areas of focus are Existing Swine Facility Compliance and Swine Facility Operator Certification. The projected timelines for the workshops are late February and April respectively. The workshops will be conducted in multiple locations and will be staffed by multiple agency representatives.

Producers will receive informational packets approximately 30 days prior to the workshops with the necessary information for statutory compliance and an announcement of the workshop subjects, times, dates, and locations.

Research Efforts:

The first phase of the KSU study of earthen lagoons for containment of animal waste, partially funded through KDHE and the State Water Plan, has been completed. Results provided in the study, coupled with a review of the literature, suggests conclusive evidence that laboratory tests of a wide variety of Kansas soil types indicate the soils can meet engineering standards for acceptable use as an impermeable liner for animal waste containment. Additionally water balance testing of a limited number of existing animal waste lagoons indicates the ¼ inch per day maximum allowable leakage rate is obtainable using current design and construction techniques. The study also reflects that even lower seepage rates can be achieved with appropriate design and construction considerations.

Questions remain regarding the impacts of animal waste containment lagoons on Kansas groundwater quality. The groundwater sampling conducted has not indicated any widespread nitrate contamination as a result of concentrated livestock feeding operations. However, the limited data and the numerous site specific factors which can affect seepage, groundwater movement and pollutant attenuation preclude any definitive conclusion or definition of the relationships of each of the key design/construction considerations in establishing standards or requirements. The relationship between groundwater resource and use; probable seepage rates; and pollutant concentration can be identified as likely key relationships which should be defined. Additional study should be considered if Kansan's deem it to be critical that the key relationships be defined.

KDHE intends to utilize the information provided in the completed study and any additional studies to further refine or upgrade existing minimum design standards, regulations, and policies regarding livestock waste management in regards to permitting and protection of the waters of Kansas.

The following letter addressed to Dr. Marc Johnson, Dean of Agriculture, KSU, requests assistance to pursue efforts to address Odor Management, Best Management Practices (BMP), and Best Available Technologies (BAT). The agency will continue to pursue the above mentioned effort for long-range solutions.



KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

BILL GRAVES, GOVERNOR Gary R. Mitchell, Secretary

December 7, 1998

Dr. Marc Johnson Dean of Agriculture Kansas State University 115 Waters Hall Manhattan, KS 66506-4008

Dear Dr. Johnson:

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has been actively pursuing implementation efforts of House Bill 2950, which primarily addresses the swine industry in Kansas, and the management of waste and odors generated by large production facilities. One specific provision in the newly adopted law pertains to odor and development of technologies and management practices for the reduction and/or abatement of odors.

The KDHE requests your assistance in developing an odor management strategy for Kansas that will focus primarily on agricultural facilities. Goals of the strategy may include development of a Best Management Practice (BMP) catalog, a Best Available Technology (BAT) catalog, queries of existing research, definition of existing research needs, economic implications related to implementation of practices, and the list goes on. The KDHE would like to arrange a time in which we could meet with appropriate researchers from KSU to discuss several issues, i.e., Who should be involved in the development?; Is there a human health risk associated with odor?; Are industries/CAFO's emitting unacceptable levels of air borne odor contaminates?)

The KDHE is committed as a result of concerns expressed by citizens and the legislature to actively pursue odor abatement activities. We would like to work in partnership with Kansas State University to address these issues. Please respond if you, and appropriate staff, are interested in participating in a brainstorming session to potentially develop a "scope of work" for research needs to address this challenging issue. Thank you for your interest and cooperation.

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Gary R. Mitchell

Secretary

cc: Bill Graves, Governor

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Ron Hammerschmidt, Director of Environment

Jan Sides, BAR

KDHE Swine Advisory Committee

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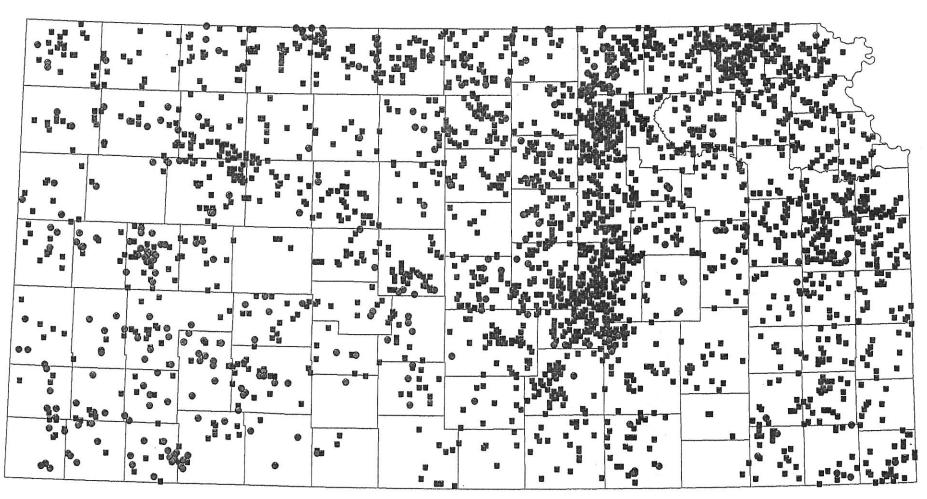
Evaluation:

KDHE staff will continually analyze program outcomes with the expectations of 100% compliance with Statutorily defined requirements and refocusing of administrative program priorities. Evaluation of the program accomplishments will take into account intense learning curves and deployment of data-system software. Multiple evaluation techniques were designed into the Livestock Waste Management Program database. Examples include computer automated notification of what facilities need to be inspected, when they need inspected, email notification when statutory timeline requirements are nearing, secondary notifications to supervisors prior to non-compliance dates, etc.

Conclusion:

Calendar year 1998 has brought about many new challenges to the KDHE. The department is pleased to report that the Kansas Administrative Regulations, as required by statute, were developed and adopted December 11, 1998. Funding was appropriated on June 18, 1998 to provide for new program staffing assistance for implementation of HB 2950. A strategic plan was developed to address the requirements of the HB 2950 along with an enhanced roadmap for program delivery. Position descriptions were developed in June and July of 1998 and were followed by vacancy announcements, interviews and hiring. After completion of those tasks, related staff were acquired and are currently in place or have been offered. The computer data-system evolved from a conceptual plan in early May through engineering, development, testing, and trouble-shooting to a final district level deployment in early January of 1999. KDHE has worked with Kansas Department of Agriculture providing access and links to the newly developed database and on coordination issues in relation to joint responsibilities for swine facilities. Training will continue to occur for internal staff as well as outreach efforts to the regulated agricultural industries as an essential component of program implementation.

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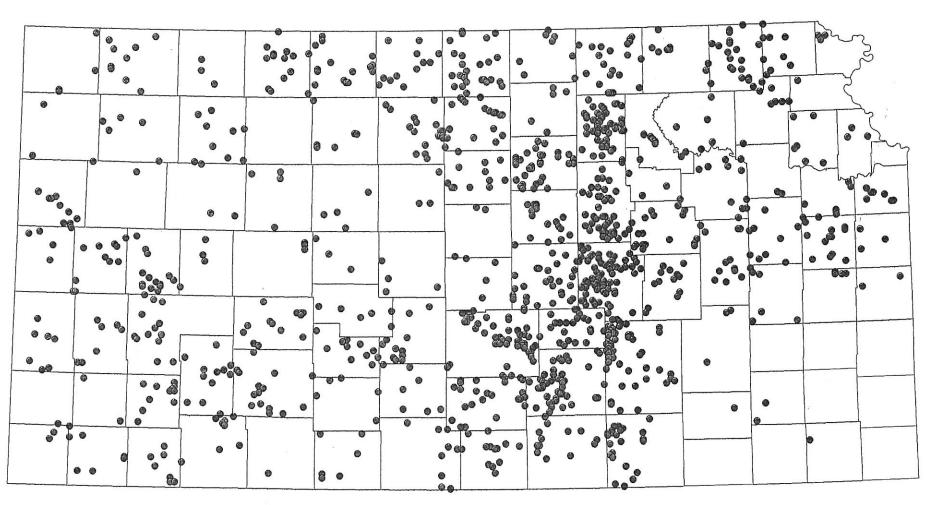
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Animal Units (3002 Facilities)

- 0 to 1000
- > 1000
- County Boundaries

REGISTERED LIVESTOCK WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES



DATA SOURCES:

Livestock Waste Management Facilities : KDHE 12/98

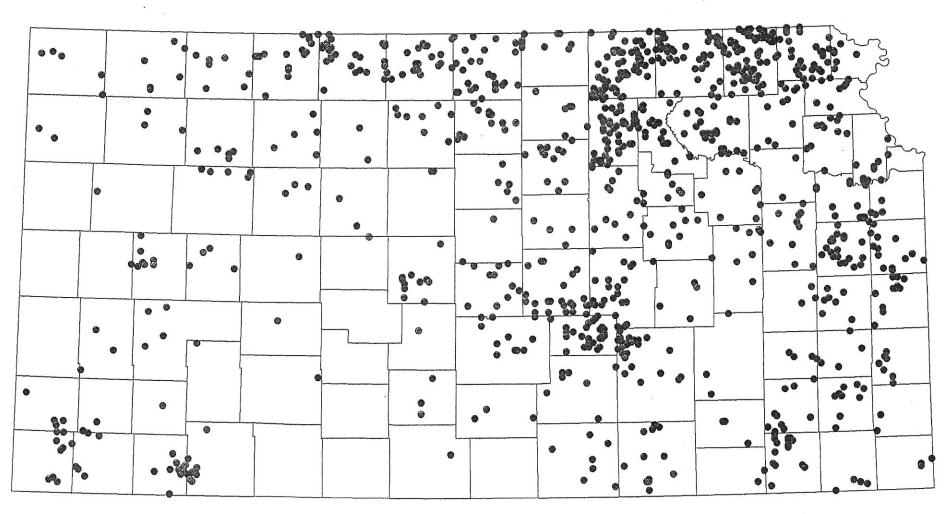
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Registered Livestock Waste Management Facilities (Count - 1165)

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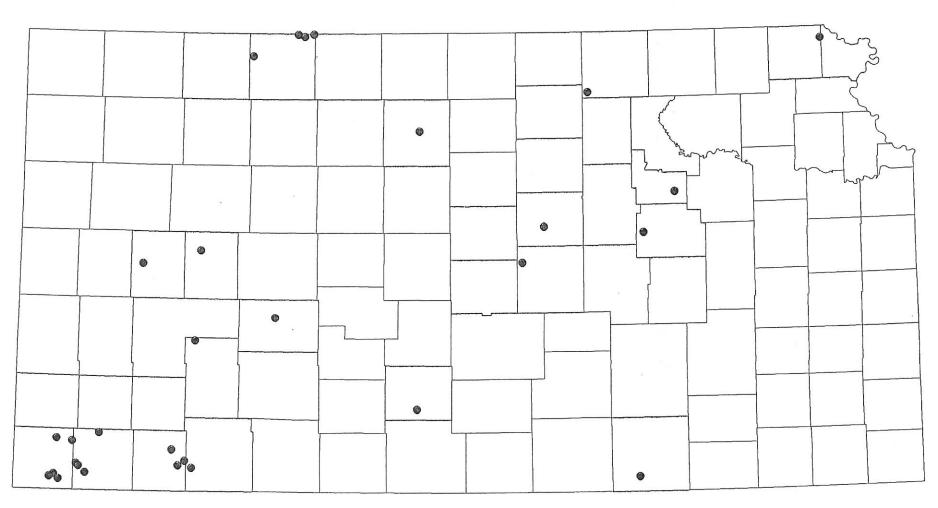
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Animal Units (981 Facilities)

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- > 3724

PERMITTED SWINE FACILITIES GREATER THAN 3724 ANIMAL UNITS



DATA SOURCES:

Livestock Waste Management Facilities : KDHE 12/98

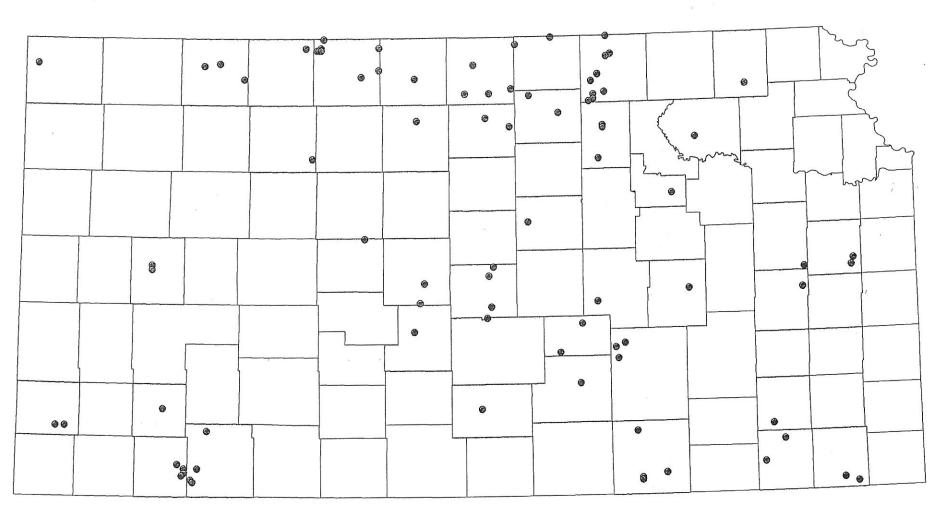
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Swine Facilities > 3724 AU (Count 31)

PERMITTED SWINE FACILITES 1000 - 3724 ANIMAL UNITS



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Political Boundaries: KCDB/KGS

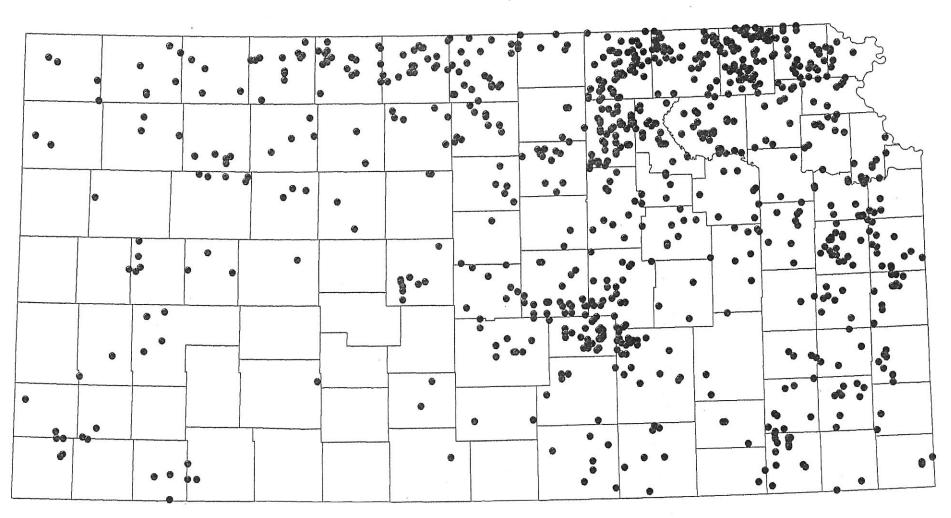
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PERMITTED SWINE FACILITIES LESS THAN 1000 ANIMAL UNITS



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Political Boundaries: KCDB/KGS

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Swine Facilities Less Than 1000 AU (Count 861)



Livestock Waste Management Section Organization Chart

Central Office

Greg Foley Section Chief (reallocation)

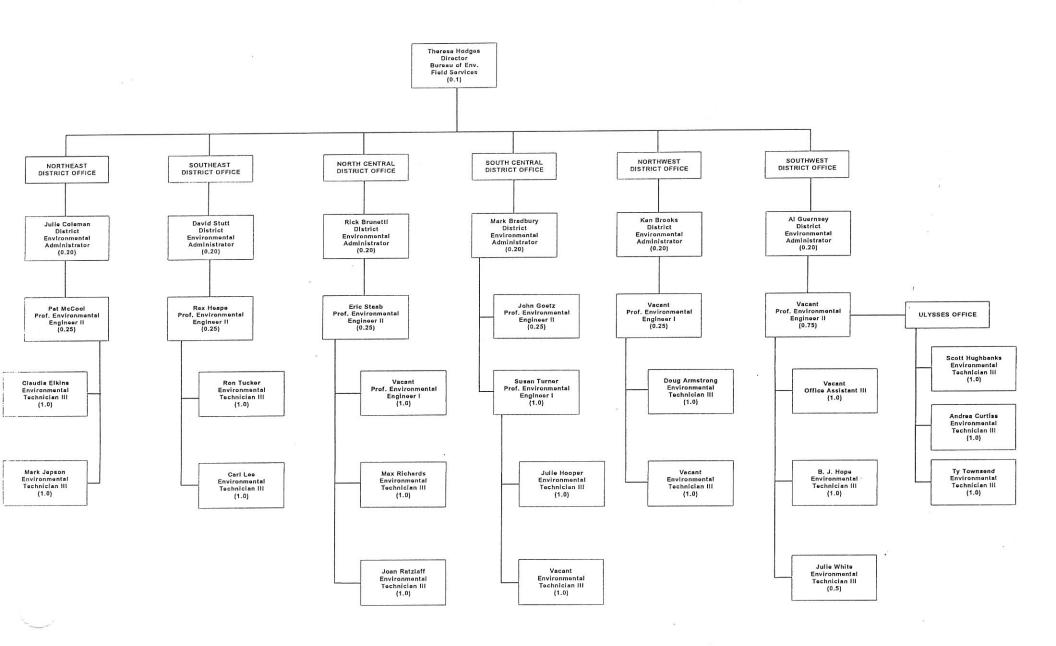
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(new)

Larry Hess P.E.E. I Bill Bicher P.E.E. I (reallocation) Jeff Lanterman Envr.Geologist I (new)

Carl Lee Envr. Tech.IV John Harsh Envr. Tech. IV (new) Vacant O.A. III (reallocation)

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CAFO STAFFING IN DISTRICT OFFICES



Evaluation

- Team Understanding of Statutes and Regulations
- Compliance with Statutory Deadlines
- Re-evaluation of Program Priority
- Allow Change a "Window of Opportunity"

Data Management Overhaul

- Year 2000 Compliant
- User Friendly
- Program Management Tools
- Reporting Capabilities
- Equipment Upgrades and Training

Calendar Year 1998 Activities

- Permitting / Inspections / Site Appraisals
 - All federal facilities were inspected in calendar year 1998!
- Regulation Development and Adoption
- Hiring of "2950" Staff
- Training Manual Development and Delivery
- Data Base Development and Deployment

Livestock Waste Management Program Program

Mission: Work with entities involved in animal agriculture to educate and implement statutory and regulatory requirements to maintain and or achieve environmental compliance to protect the water



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MEMORANDUM

February 9, 1999

TO: House Environment Committee

Tracy Streeter, Executive Director Lud My House Bill 2144 FROM:

SUBJECT: House Bill 2144

Madam Chairperson and members of the committee, I appear today in support of House Bill 2144 with amendments proposed by the Kansas Water Office. This bill, if passed, will enable the Multipurpose Small Lakes Program (MPSLP) to assist local entities in the renovation of existing water supply and recreation lakes.

Currently, the MPSLP Act requires all lakes to contain flood control as a component in addition to water supply and/or recreation. The flood control component is defined as the lake's storage capacity above the permanent pool level to impound flood flows equal to at least a 25 year frequency flood. Most older lakes in need of renovation do not have flood control storage and to add flood storage to these existing lakes would require the acquisition of additional land rights, including the purchase and removal of structures from private property and relocation of infrastructure (roads, boat ramps, camping areas, docks, picnic areas, etc.). Additionally, the potential exists for a lake proposal to have justifiable water supply and recreation needs, but lack the need for flood control.

Please recall last year, representatives from the Kansas Biological Survey and a Kansas dredging company testified before this committee, encouraging the state to address the sediment and associated water quality problems in our lakes and reservoirs. Sediment removal was identified as a principal means of extending the useful life of Kansas lakes while improving in-lake water quality conditions.

In addition, a number of state water agencies have reviewed opportunities to assist local entities in renovating or dredging existing lakes. In 1997, state officials reviewed a lake restoration program operating Upon completion of this review, a modified Multipurpose Small Lakes Program was identified as one means of assisting local entities in the renovation of existing lakes.

The MPSLP provides up to a 100 percent grant for flood control costs, may finance up to 100 percent of the water supply costs if a future need is determined by the Kansas Water Office and up to 50 percent of the recreation costs. The water supply costs financed by the state are re-paid to the state when a water supply entity wishes to utilize the water. The following is an example of a typical application for assistance:

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WPA City Lake

Constructed:

1937

Size:

100 surface acres

Uses:

- Primary water supply for the city.

- Public boating, camping, fishing, etc.

Problem:

- Siltation has reduced the lake's total surface acreage.

- Overall water depths diminished by 50 percent.

Due to shallow conditions, lake is becoming consumed by vegetation.Principal spillway has created a dam safety issue and is need of repair.

Solution:

- Remove approximately 200,000 cubic yards of sediment (This is equal to 4 feet of

sediment multiplied by approximately 31 surface acres).

- Re-construct concrete spillway.

Costs:

\$700,000 Sediment removal.

\$800,000 Spillway repair

\$1,500,000 Total

Probable

MPSLP

* \$375,000

Assistance:

* This amount is determined by assigning the lake's storage to its designated uses. This project proposes to restore 124 acre feet (31 surface acres X 4 feet of depth) of storage. The lake's uses are recreation and public water supply. These uses share the available water equally. Therefore, the equation for MPSLP assistance divides the storage and restoration costs in half, \$750,000 for water supply and \$750,000 for recreation. The MPSLP provides financial assistance for water supply construction by purchasing additional storage over and above the amount needed by the city. The Kansas Water Office is responsible for determining the additional need and would hold the water right for the additional storage created. In order to use the water, the city would have to purchase the water right from the Water Office.

In this instance, the city would already possess a water right for the entire reservoir storage, thus making the state's participation in the water supply portion impossible. The MPSLP would only provide a 50 percent matching grant for the recreation portion ($$750,000 \times .5 = $375,000$).

In closing, I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today to share information regarding the Multipurpose Small Lakes Program and will respond to questions from the committee.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2144 HOUSE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TERRY DUVALL, KANSAS WATER OFFICE February 9, 1999

First, let me note that we do not oppose the intent of the proposed changes to the Multipurpose Small Lakes Act. However, we believe the concerns regarding the eligibility of renovation projects for financial assistance under this act can be addressed in a different manner.

As originally envisioned, the Multipurpose Small Lake Act was developed to allow for the add-on features of water supply storage space to planned watershed flood control structures. This provided a mechanism to ensure that reservoir sites were developed to their full potential with multipurpose benefits. The driving force for this type of development was recognition that many communities could not afford to finance the costs of a long pipeline and other hardware involved in moving water from the large federal reservoirs with storage space owned by the state to where it could be treated and distributed. We now recognize the existing program can fulfill this objective only to a limited degree.

The Kansas Water Office intends to address these issues, as well a several others relating to public water supplies, with the development of a Public Water Supply Subsection of the State Water Plan beginning in July of 1999 At the completion of this work, we will undoubtedly come back to the Legislature and Governor with recommendations to address specific public water supply issues. I cannot, at this time, predict what those proposals will be.

In the interim, we suggest that the Multipurpose Small Lakes Act retain its original intent, facilitating the add-on of water supply storage space to planned watershed structures and that flood control remain a requirement for consideration of new structures. However, in the case of renovation of existing structures, it is evident that no renovation can occur unless the flood control requirement is lifted. We support the proposal to lift this requirement from renovation projects, pending a full review of public water supply issues. We therefore offer the attached language change in H.B. 2144.

House Environment 2-9-99 Attachment 5 82a-1603. Definitions. When used in this act:

- (a) "Chief engineer" means the chief engineer of the division of water resources of the state board of agriculture.
- (b) "Class I funded project" means a proposed new project or renovation of an existing project located within the boundaries of an organized watershed district which is receiving or is eligible to receive financial participation from the state conservation commission for the flood control storage portion of the project.
- (c) "Class II funded project" means a proposed new project or renovation of an existing project which is receiving or is eligible to receive financial participation from the federal government.
- (d) "Class III funded project" means a proposed new project or renovation of an existing project located outside the boundaries of an organized watershed district which is not receiving or is not eligible to receive financial participation from the state conservation commission or the federal government except as provided in K.S.A. 82a-1606, and amendments thereto.
- (e) "Flood control storage" means storage space in reservoirs to hold flood waters.
- (f) "General plan" means a preliminary engineering report describing the characteristics of the project area, the nature and methods of dealing with the soil and water problems within the project area, and the projects proposed to be undertaken by the sponsor within the project area. Such

plan shall include maps, descriptions and other data as may be necessary for the location, identification and establishment of the character of the work to be undertaken; a cost-benefit analysis of alternatives to the project, including but not limited to, nonstructural flood control options and water conservation and reuse to reduce need for new water supply storage; and any other data and information as the chief engineer may require.

(g) "Land right" means real property as that term is defined by the laws of the state of Kansas and all rights thereto and interest therein and shall include any road, highway, bridge, street, easement or other right-of-way thereon.

camping or other related activities.

(h) "Multipurpose small lake project" (h) "A new means a dam and lake containing (1) flood control storage and (2) either public water supply storage or recreation features or both. (i) "A renovation multipurpose small "Public water supply" means a water lake project" means a dam and lake supply for municipal, industrial or domestic containing at least two of the following: (1) flood control storage; (2) public water use. supply storage; or (3) recreation features. "Public water supply storage" means storage of water for municipal, industrial or (j) domestic use. (k) (K) "Recreation feature" means water storage and related facilities for activities (I)such as swimming, fishing, boating,



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HOUSE BILL NO. 2146

Testimony Provided to House Committee on Environment February 9, 1999

During the 1998 Legislative Session, both the House and Senate unanimously approved 1998 House Bill No. 2783, which authorized the Department of Wildlife and Parks to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to restore approximately 2,550 acres of wetlands near Milford Lake, and to designate an area of the project the "Steve Lloyd Wetlands," in honor of the former chair of the House Committee on Environment.

By developing the Milford Wetlands in cooperation with the Corps, the department, as the non-federal sponsor of the project, will receive a 3 to 1 match of funds from the Corps. Although the majority of the nonfederal funds are being raised privately, the 1998 Legislature also appropriated \$361,512 from the state general fund to provide the matching funds for the first phase of the project. 1998 HB 2783 included clarifying language that no more than this amount is to be paid from the state general fund, and that the remainder of the nonfederal share is to be paid from nonstate moneys. The remains the intention. WILDSCAPE, a non-profit association affiliated with the department, has already raised approximately \$700,000 (including the SGF contribution) for the project.

However, the Corps has determined that the clarifying language declaring a limitation on the state's financial obligation prevents the Corps from signing a project cooperative agreement with the department. Consequently, the department has proposed House Bill No. 2146, which strikes the problematic language, currently in statute as subsection (2) of K.S.A. 32-846.

We emphasize that this amendment will not materially alter the department's spending authority, nor will it remove the Legislature's authority over the department's appropriations. In addition, we emphasize that the project cooperative agreement is not anticipated to incur costs different than those anticipated during the 1998 Legislative Session. Both the Corps and the department fully intend that the nonfederal share of the project costs will be limited to the amount of private funds raised, plus the appropriations already made during the 1998 Legislative Session. If, for some unanticipated reason, the department should ever request additional state funding, that request would go through the normal appropriations process and would require approval by the Legislature.

Nonetheless, for legal reasons, this adjustment to the statutory language is necessary. In order to enable the department and the Corps to jointly proceed with this important project, we respectfully request the passage of HB 2146.

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KANSAS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

BILL GRAVES, GOVERNOR Clyde D. Graeber, Acting Secretary

Testimony presented to

House Environment Committee

February 9, 1999

by

William L. Bider, Director, Bureau of Waste Management Kansas Department of Health and Environment

House Bill 2147

KDHE appreciates this opportunity to provide testimony in support of House 2147 which was introduced by the department. The purpose of this bill is to broaden KDHE's authority to approve of certain solid waste disposal activities without requiring the person performing the disposal activity to obtain a permit. Prior to approving these special case disposal activities, KDHE would be required to assess the need in accordance with criteria already established in state law. Provisions currently exist to ensure that human health and the environment would not be impacted and that local officials are involved in the approval process.

This bill was also introduced last year. It passed 40-0 in the Senate and although it was passed favorably out of the House Environment Committee, time ran out and final action in the full House did not occur. There are no substantive changes to the bill this year.

Currently, the secretary of KDHE has limited authority to approve of disposal activities at unpermitted sites. These special cases include: (1) waste which has already been illegally dumped; and (2) waste which is processed as part of a temporary remediation project. When these limited cases were established in law in 1997, the broader list of possible exemptions to the permitting requirements had not been identified. Since that time, several other examples have arisen which are also good candidates for allowing disposal without a permit. HB 2147 proposes to add to the current list the following four new disposal activities which would not require a permit:

 The disposal of construction and demolition waste from a building demolition project on the site where the building existed.

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- The disposal of waste generated as the result of a transportation accident on property adjacent to or near the site of the accident, if the property owner and local officials agree with the action.
- The disposal of whole unprocessed livestock carcasses if the animals died as the result of a natural disaster or whether their presence has created emergency conditions which could impact human health or safety.
- The disposal of waste resulting from natural disasters such as floods, tornados, and fires.

These changes to the solid waste statutes will yield many benefits. Waste disposal activities can proceed promptly and at the lowest possible cost to the responsible parties without adversely impacting human health or the environment. The time-consuming permitting process would not need to be completed to allow solid waste disposal in a manner which KDHE in consultation with local officials has concluded is safe. Existing valuable permitted landfill capacity will be also conserved.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

TO: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT

Testimony on HB 2147

February 9, 1999

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members of the Environment Committee. I'm Linda Peterson, Marion County Commissioner and a board member of the Central Kansas Waste Authority comprised of Dickinson, McPherson, Harvey and Marion counties.

Proposed House bill 2147, which authorizes disposal of certain wastes, as an exemption to the solid waste permitting requirements is very important to Marion County. I have had a long-standing concern for cleanup of debris from natural disasters, such as tornadoes, floods and lightning strike fires. Our Emergency Preparedness Coordinator has reminded me many times how important it is for Marion County to be prepared to handle debris from a tornado. He also has had many conversations with K.D.H.E. staff on disposals from natural disasters and fully supports the provisions of Section 1 Paragraph (6) of the proposed House bill 2147.

Other provisions for exemptions to solid waste permitting requirements needed by Marion County are contained in:

Section 1 Paragraph (3) - Disposal on sight of a building

Section 1 Paragraph (4) - Disposal of wastes from a transportation accident

Section 1 Paragraph (5) - Disposal of whole livestock carcasses

I want to thank the K.D.H.E. Bureau of Waste Management staff for their assistance on these disposals needs so important to our rural counties. I am pleased that great progress is being made on solid waste planning and legislation and would encourage your approval of House bill 2147.

Thank you.

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