

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

**LAND APPLICATION SYSTEM (LAS) PERMIT**

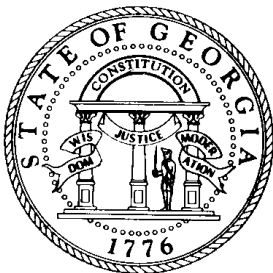
**GENERAL PERMIT NO. GAU700000**

**Animal Feeding Operations - 301 to 1000 Animal Units**

In compliance with the provisions of the Georgia Water Quality Control Act (Georgia Laws 1964, p. 416, as amended), hereinafter called the "State Act," and the Rules and Regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, owners of existing, new, and expanding animal feeding operations (301 to 1000 animal units category), including swine feeding operations, within the State of Georgia that are required to have an LAS permit, upon submittal of a permit application, are authorized to store and dispose of waste in the State of Georgia in accordance with the limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions set forth herein.

This general permit shall become effective on June 13, 2002.

This general permit and the authorization to operate shall expire at midnight, April 30, 2007.



Signed this 13th day of June, 2002.

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**Director,  
Environmental Protection Division**

**A. CONDITIONS**

**1. DEFINITIONS**

- a. Division: the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources.
- b. State Act: the Georgia Water Quality Control Act (Official Code of Georgia Annotated; Title 12, Chapter 5, Article 2).
- c. State Rules: the Georgia Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6, latest edition.

**2. MONITORING AND REPORTING**

- a. The land application system will be operated in accordance with the design criteria as presented in approved engineering reports, operation and maintenance manuals, Plan of Operation, Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP), the permit application and/or other written agreements between the Division and the permittee.
- b. The permittee, upon written notification by the Division, may be required to install ground water monitoring wells if same were not included in the original design, or if existing wells are inadequate.
- c. The Division may require the monitoring of pollutants by written notification.
- d. Samples and measurements shall be taken and analyzed in a manner prescribed by the Division.
- e. For each measurement or sample taken pursuant to the requirements of this permit, the permittee shall record and retain information as directed by the Division.
- f. If information obtained by the Division indicates contamination of ground water or surface water, problems with meeting operational criteria, or changes from design criteria due to increased production or other factors, the Division will request additional reports or modifications to the system.
- g. The waste storage and disposal system must be operated as a no discharge system as required by the State Rules, paragraphs .20 and .21. Waste shall be applied as specified in the approved CNMP or other documents in 2.a. above to insure compliance with the State Rules.

- h. The operation of the system is authorized as long as it is consistent with the design criteria specified in the approved CNMP or other documents in 2.a. above. Any anticipated facility expansions, production increases, or process modifications which will result in new, different, or increased discharges of pollutants or flow to the system must be approved by the Division as required by the State Rules. Submittal of a new permit application, as well as upgrading of the system, may be required in the process of obtaining Division approval.
- i. The permittee will notify the local Division District Office or the Division Emergency Operations Center immediately if mechanical failure, inclement weather or other factors cause a discharge of contaminated runoff from the fields or an overflow from a waste storage lagoon, or if any other problems occur which could cause an adverse effect on the environment.

**B. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- 1. The owner of the operation shall implement an approved CNMP in accordance with the State Rules.
- 2. If it is determined that a waste storage lagoon is creating a ground water contamination problem, the Division may require the lagoon to be repaired.
- 3. The permittee shall allow the Director of the Division (hereinafter "the Director") and/or authorized representatives, agents, or employees, upon presentation of credentials:
  - a. To enter upon the permittee's premises where a regulated activity or facility is located or conducted, in which any records are required to be kept under the terms and conditions of this permit; and
  - b. At reasonable times, to have access to and copy any records required to be kept under the terms and conditions of this permit; to inspect any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit; and to sample any substance or parameters at any location.
- 4. The State Act provides that any person who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under this permit, makes any false statement, representation, or certification in any record or other document submitted or required to be maintained under this permit, including monitoring reports or reports of compliance or noncompliance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine or by imprisonment, or by both. The State Act also provides procedures for imposing civil penalties which may be levied for violations of

the Act, any permit condition or limitation established pursuant to the Act, or negligently or intentionally failing or refusing to comply with any final or emergency order of the Director.

5. Nothing in this permit shall be construed to relieve the permittee from civil or criminal penalties for noncompliance.
6. Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties established pursuant to any applicable State law.
7. The permittee shall furnish to the Division, within a reasonable time, any information which the Division may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit or to determine compliance with this permit. The permittee shall also furnish to the Division upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit. Where the permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in a permit application, or submitted incorrect information in a permit application or in any report to the Division, the permittee shall promptly submit such facts or information.
8. A permit may be transferred to another person by a permittee if:
  - a. The permittee notifies the Director in writing of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer;
  - b. A written agreement containing a specific date for transfer of permit responsibility and coverage between the current and new permittee (including acknowledgment that the existing permittee is liable for violations up to that date, and that the new permittee is liable for violations from that date on) is submitted to the Director at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer; and
  - c. The Director, within thirty (30) days, does not notify the current permittee and the new permittee of the Division's intent to modify, revoke and reissue, or terminate the permit and to require that a new application be filed rather than agreeing to the transfer of the permit.
9. This permit may be modified, terminated, or revoked and reissued in whole or part during its term for cause including, but not limited to, the following:
  - a. Violation of any condition of this permit;
  - b. Obtaining this permit by misrepresentation or failure to disclose fully all relevant facts; or

- c. A change in any condition that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the permitted activity.

The filing of a request by the permittee for a permit modification, termination, revocation and reissuance, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any permit conditions.

- 10.** The permittee shall not operate the system after the expiration date. In order to receive authorization to operate beyond the expiration date, the permittee shall submit such information, forms, and fees as are required by the Division no later than 180 days prior to the expiration date.
- 11.** The permittee shall submit an application for permit reissuance at least 180 days before the expiration date of this permit. The permittee shall not discharge after the permit expiration date without written authorization from the Division. To receive this authorization, the permittee shall submit the information, forms, and any applicable fees required by the Division no later than 180 days before the expiration date.
- 12.** Any person who is aggrieved or adversely affected by any action of the Director shall petition the Director for a hearing within thirty (30) days of notice of such action.
- 13.** The provisions of this permit are severable; and, if any provision of this permit, or the application of any provision of this permit to any circumstances is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances and the remainder of this permit shall not be affected thereby.
- 14.** All previous State water quality permits issued to this facility are hereby revoked by the issuance of this general permit upon submittal of a permit application. This action is taken to assure compliance with the Georgia Water Quality Control Act, as amended. Receipt of the general permit constitutes notice of such action. The conditions, requirements, terms and provisions of this general permit authorizing operation under the State Act govern storage and disposal of wastes from this facility.

**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DISTRICT OFFICES**

Mountain Dist. (NW)	Cartersville	(770) 387-4900	Northeast District	Athens	(706) 369-6376
Mountain Dist. (Atl.)	Atlanta	(404) 362-2671			
Middle GA District	Macon	(478) 751-6612	East Central District	Augusta	(706) 792-7744
Coastal District	Brunswick	(912) 264-7284	Coastal District	Savannah	(912) 353-3225
Southwest District	Albany	(229) 430-4144			

A future office will be located in Columbus.



**Georgia Department of Natural Resources Emergency Operations Center 1-800-241-4113**

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency National Response Center 1-800-424-8802**