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SUBJECT: Policy Clarification: MPCA 15-day Review of County Permits

Policy Statement

Minn. Statute, Section 116.07, subdivision 7(b), requires that the MPCA have 15 days to review and comment on a draft permit from a delegated county. The revised feedlot rules intentionally do not include this requirement. Minn. Rule 7020.1600, subp. 4a. establishes a list of specific circumstances under which a county feedlot officer (CFO) must forward permit application information to the MPCA for permit issuance. The rule also provides the CFO an opportunity to forward applications or draft permits to MPCA for review and comment at their discretion. This policy statement is intended to clarify that CFOs may issue permits without waiting 15 days for MPCA staff review of draft permits.

MPCA may request to review draft permits in county-specific delegation agreements. Under this option, MPCA would focus on reviewing draft permits for CFOs in counties that are new to the delegated county program, or at the request of the CFO.