

Producer Evaluation of Compliance

As part of your Environmental Management System, it is important to establish a process for monitoring applicable regulations or program requirements related to the EMS. This should be done on an annual basis at a minimum. Due to the ever changing nature of regulations and program standards, it is important to review applicable regulations and program requirements to ensure you are meeting the obligations. As you review the lists below, ask yourself the following....

- ✓ What are my obligations at the local level including township or county ordinances?
- ✓ What agencies will require permit process or requirements at the state level?
- ✓ What are my obligations for program areas that are above and beyond regulatory components such as Green Tier or the DBA-GTAP (Dairy Business Association Green Tier Advancement Project) Charter?

There are many different types of permits and approvals that may be required for new or expanding dairy farms. As you develop and review your EMS, take time to review the list below for areas that may be applicable. Please note that this is not an all-inclusive list, and you will need to ask your local, county and state officials directly if there are any other “permits of approvals” needed. Also, check out the links on the website for additional details regarding regulated areas. Your operation may require some or all of the following:

Examples of Town/County Regulatory Areas

- Proposed change allowed under town/county zoning and ordinances
- Building permit – buildings, manure storage, any other land disturbances
- Conditional use permit – pertinent to sites where roads, nuisance issues , manure storage and spreading may impact community
- Manure storage ordinance
- Erosion control/stormwater ordinance
- County sanitary permit – employee restrooms
- Highway culvert permit

Examples of WDNR Regulatory Areas

- Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (WPDES)
- Storm Water Construction Site General Permit (operations disturbing 1 acre or more)
- High Capacity Well Permit
- Chapter 30 permit
- 401 Water Quality Certification
- Green Tier – EMS functionally equivalent certification, Tier I or Tier II

Examples of Other Agency/Association Areas

- Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection -Grade A Milk Permit
- Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection – Carcass Disposal Requirements
- Department of Transportation – Road Regulations
- Dairy Business Association Green Tier Advancement Project Charter – Tier 1 or Tier II
- University of Wisconsin-Extension – Soil Sampling Requirements

