

CAFO PERMITS - UPDATE

Highlights: **Wednesday's Grower Lunch Chat (June 24)**

A group of 23 joined by phone, computer, with pictures or in person to discuss **CAFO Permits**

- **John Sullivan**, Maryland Dept. of Environment (MDE), leads the Resource Management Programs of AFOs, Biosolids, Waste Diversion/Recycling, Scrap Tire Licenses, Hazardous Waste Permits, and now, CAFOs, spoke to us about:

- MDE taking the roll of reaching out to producers
 - Contacts with MDA (MD Dept. of Agriculture) discussions were long and difficult
 - Asked if John took Garrett's position, he answered he is responsible for several departments and in the interim, Garrett's position
 - There were numerous drafts of CAFO within MDE, final was sent to EPA, and, with minor edits, it was deemed corrected
 - Have added a brief section regarding organic poultry
 - **MDA and MDE will launch on July 6, 2020**
 - Public Notice for 30 days
 - Will be publicized all at the same time to:
 - Newspapers around the state
 - On the MDE website
 - Mass mailings and emails to every current holder
 - **60 days to submit NOI** (Notice of Intent) **and CNMPs** (Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans)
 - When modifications are made to a CNMP – don't want people to have to rewrite a whole new CNMP if it needs an adjustment, may just need a supplement page
 - It'll be good forever
 - Tier II water shed defined – clean, high quality, waters that have an existing water quality that is significantly better than the minimum requirements. Tier II's are waterways we are trying to protect.
 - Jon Moyle and Paul Chesnik supplied the following on **Tier II Waters**:
<https://maryland.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=763311ce3f2b4ce5970ac592c4319935>
 - Question about air monitoring – CAFO will not require
 - More details and clarity on July 6
 - Hold up on sending in CNMPs until we get more information on July 6
 - This should all be quicker this year with new and transfers ASAP
 - John Sullivan ended with 'we are in constant contact with MDA and will stay in contact with them throughout the roll out', we want 'to get a consistent message out'
 - More information on **AELR** (Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review):
<https://conduitstreet.mdcounties.org/2012/07/13/aelr-committee-hears-septics-regulations/>
- Afterthoughts:
 - Dust masks – Jennifer Timmons is awaiting approval of a Fact Sheet at UMES
 - Know the difference between a dusk mask (covering) and respirator (N95)
 - Dusk masks don't protect you from gases, ie., ammonia
 - Keep ventilating your houses

Since rollout is on July 6, we will have a lot more CAFO discussion at our next Wednesday Zoom

NEXT 'CHAT' IS WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, AT NOON

Register at: <https://umd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUuduqoqjkgNDno5ZLyNu-hRao7XHB1jlk>