CAFO PERMITS – UPDATE II

Wednesday’s Grower Lunch Chat (July 8)

A group of 24 joined to discuss **CAFO Permits**

- **John Sullivan**, Maryland Dept. of Environment (MDE), returned to answer questions and give a little more information:
  - MDE Baltimore mailed our letters Monday, July 6, hoping growers would receive by today, July 8, and published in Salisbury, Frederick, Queen Anne’s newspapers and the Maryland Observer and on MDE website
  - Have added a brief section regarding organic poultry
  - Air monitoring is no longer necessary
  - Getting renewals out asap

- **Important Takeaways for Continuing Registrations:**
  - **Have to send NOI** (Notice of Intent) in before September 6, 2020
  - **Don’t need to send NMP** (Nutrient Management Plan) or **CNMPs** (Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan) until MDE lets you know what you need. No bill at this time.
  - Sarah Butcher said you might ask the plan writer to add water bodies and watershed quality and have new pieces of information added to existing plan (not redo the whole thing).
  - **Self-reporting water line**
  - **Fees**: **AELR** (Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review): will decide fees [https://conduitstreet.mdcounties.org/2012/07/13/aelr-committee-hears-septics-regulations/](https://conduitstreet.mdcounties.org/2012/07/13/aelr-committee-hears-septics-regulations/)
    - When modifications are made to a CNMP – MDE doesn’t want people to have to rewrite a whole new CNMP if it needs an adjustment, may just need a supplement page
    - If you have current 2014 Permit, you have coverage until MDE gets to your permit
    - Hold up on sending in CNMPs
    - This should all be quicker this year with new and transfers ASAP

- **For New Permits:**
  - **Send in NOI and NMP or CNMP as soon as possible (as the letter you received describes).**

**NEXT ‘CHAT’ IS WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, AT NOON**

**Topic:** Optimizing Performance During Hot Weather  
*With Georgie Cartanza of University of Delaware*

**Register at:** [https://umd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUuduqojkpGNDno5ZLyNu-hRao7XHB1jlk](https://umd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUuduqojkpGNDno5ZLyNu-hRao7XHB1jlk)