
KS651.0103 State laws and regulations

Any animal feeding operation (AFO) with an animal unit capacity of 300 or more or that has been determined to have significant water pollution potential must register with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Upon evaluation of the AFO by KDHE, it will be determined if waste controls and a permit are necessary. AFOs that meet the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulatory definition of a concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) may also be regulated under the EPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting program.

The Livestock Waste Management Section of KDHE is responsible for educating and assisting the regulated community, reviewing and issuing livestock waste management permits, and ensuring compliance with applicable statutes, regulations, and permitting requirements.

The [KDHE Livestock Waste Management Section Web site](#) has links to Kansas statutes and regulations relating to AFOs and the permit requirements. There is also information on design standards for confined feeding facilities, regulatory guidance for large dairies, the additional requirements for swine operations, and forms for permit applications.