

HB 1177 -- Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations

Sponsor: Guest

This bill modifies the statutes on concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFO) making Missouri's regulations consistent with federal regulations. The bill:

(1) Requires the Missouri Clean Water Commission to promulgate rules regulating the establishment, permitting, design, construction, operation, and management of a Class I CAFO;

(2) Requires that regulatory or local controls imposed by any form of local government concerning the establishment, permitting, design, construction, operation, and management of a Class I CAFO must be consistent with the provisions of the bill. Local governing bodies, however, may impose stricter controls if those controls are recommended and approved by the board of the respective local soil and water conservation district and based on empirical peer-reviewed scientific and economic data that clearly documents the need and cost-effectiveness of the more restrictive controls;

(3) Permits the Department of Natural Resources to designate an animal feeding operation as a CAFO if it is determined to be a significant contributor of pollutants to the waters of the state;

(4) Clarifies that the terms "point source" and "water contaminant source" as defined for the purposes of the Missouri Clean Water Law are not to include agricultural storm water discharges and return flows from irrigated agriculture; and

(5) Clarifies that the term "discharge" as defined for the purpose of the Missouri Clean Water Law is not to include an accidental release of contaminants to the waters of the state where the contaminants are confined entirely upon the owner's land and the contaminants are removed so that limitations set in the law are not exceeded.