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NORTH CAROLINA  
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To all interested parties:

The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Water Resources' General Permits for Animal Feed Operations were most recently issued with an expiration date of September 30, 2024. In July 2024, the General Assembly passed Session Law 2024-32, which instructed the Department of Environmental Quality to extend the expiration of the General Permits and the Certificates of Coverage issued under the General Permits until September 30, 2026.

SESSION LAW 2024-32 SENATE BILL 355  
AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE.

EXTEND ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM GENERAL PERMITS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

SECTION 5.1. Notwithstanding 15A NCAC 02T .0111(e), or any other provision of law, the Department of Environmental Quality, pursuant to the powers relative to general permits and to permits for facilities not discharging to the surface waters of the State that are granted to the Environmental Management Commission under Part 1A of Article 21 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes and delegated by the Commission to the Department, shall extend the expiration of general permits AWG100000 (Swine), AWG200000 (Cattle), AWG300000 (Wet Poultry) AWG400000 (Swine Digester), AWG50000 (Cattle Digester), and AWG600000 (Wet Poultry Digester) until September 30, 2026. The Department of Environmental Quality shall also extend the expiration of certificates of coverage issued under these general permits until September 30, 2026.

<https://www.ncleg.gov/EnactedLegislation/SessionLaws/PDF/2023-2024/SL2024-32.pdf>

Consistent with the above-referenced statutory directive, the Department hereby extends the expiration dates of the General Permits AWG100000 (Swine), AWG200000 (Cattle), AWG300000 (Wet Poultry) AWG400000 (Swine Digester), AWG50000 (Cattle Digester), and AWG600000 (Wet Poultry Digester) until September 30, 2026. The Department of Environmental Quality also hereby extends the expiration of Certificates of Coverage issued under these General Permits until September 30, 2026.

The Department of Environmental Quality will provide more information on the 2026 renewal process for the General Permits and Certificates of Coverage in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard E. Rogers, Jr.", written over a light blue background.

Richard E. Rogers, Jr., Director



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