

## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE CAFO GENERAL PERMITS**

The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) proposes issuance of four new General Permits under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System for concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) to prevent discharges to surface waters. CAFOs within the State of Nebraska that confine only cattle, either in open lots or under roof, are eligible for coverage.

**The Public Notice period will run from June 20, 2012 through July 20, 2012**

These permits are the same except for their effective permit length. One permit will be valid for two years, one permit valid for three years, one permit valid for four years, and one permit valid for five years. The purpose of four permits is to distribute the requests for coverage so that all of them do not expire on the same date. Each permit would restrict pollutant discharges to comply with the requirements of Department regulations. A public notice on the Department's webpage will be issued for each CAFO prior to granting coverage under one of these permits (See Fact Sheet).

The draft permit, fact sheet, and other public information are available for review at NDEQ's Lincoln Office (address below) between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays, excluding holidays. To request copies of the draft permit and other information, call (402) 471-2186 (TDD call operator at 711); FAX: (402) 471-2909; or E-Mail: [ndeq.records@nebraska.gov](mailto:ndeq.records@nebraska.gov). Also, the draft permit, fact sheet, and other public information are available on the Web at [www.deq.state.ne.us](http://www.deq.state.ne.us) by clicking on "Public Notices" under News & Announcements. Alternate format materials are available with advance request.

All comments received during the public comment period will be considered in the final decision on issuance of these general permits. A request for a public hearing must be submitted in writing, and must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised at a hearing. A determination to hold a hearing will be based on factual environmental or regulatory considerations. All public comments and requests for hearing may be submitted in writing to Dennis Heitmann, Section Supervisor, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, 1200 "N" St., Suite 400, The Atrium, PO Box 98922, Lincoln, NE 68509-8922 by the end of the public notice period.

