

## Regulatory Compliance

The USDA and EPA recently published a “Unified National Strategy for Animal Feeding Operations.” The primary focus of this strategy is the implementation of comprehensive nutrient management planning. Although this strategy is not regulatory policy, it provides a framework for potential future federal regulation of nutrient-related issues. In addition, EPA has proposed significant changes to the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit process to be more encompassing of livestock and poultry operations, require Permit Nutrient Plans for all permitted facilities, and base all planning processes on P. The final rules will be announced in December 2002. Prior to these proposals, federal policy included only vague reference to regulation of livestock nutrient issues. However, it is likely that nutrient issues will be the focus of future federal regulations.

Many states have established requirements for nutrient management planning. To date, most states have focused on nutrient management as it relates to crop production as opposed to comprehensive or whole farm nutrient management. It is likely, however, that nutrient-related issues will also be the focal point of greater state and local regulation. Your operation’s compliance with nutrient planning regulations can be reviewed using Table 2-4.

**Table 2-4. Regulatory compliance assessment: Regulatory compliance issues related to nutrient management that may be applicable to your livestock or poultry operation.**

Regulatory Issue	Is this issue addressed by regulations? If “Yes”, summarize those regulations	Is my livestock/ poultry operation in compliance?
What agencies are involved in administrating regulations related to nutrient management?	___ US EPA ___ State ___ Local List Name, Address, Phone No.:	
Is comprehensive nutrient management planning required?	___ Yes ___ No	___ Yes ___ No ___ Not applicable ___ Don’t Know
Is manure nutrient management planning as it relates to crop production required?	___ Yes ___ No	___ Yes ___ No ___ Not applicable ___ Don’t Know
Is documentation of available land base for managing manure nutrients required?	___ Yes ___ No	___ Yes ___ No ___ Not applicable ___ Don’t Know
Are current rules focused on N or P?	___ Nitrogen ___ Phosphorus ___ Both ___ Neither	___ Yes ___ No ___ Not applicable ___ Don’t Know
Other:	___ Yes ___ No	___ Yes ___ No ___ Not applicable ___ Don’t Know
Are potential changes in public policy related to nutrient management currently under discussion?	___ Yes ___ No	___ Yes ___ No ___ Not applicable ___ Don’t Know