

Introduction

A well-designed manure storage facility must also be well managed to prevent environmental concerns from developing. Management decisions relative to startup and loading (especially anaerobic lagoons), manure removal, monitoring of structure integrity and other issues, and maintenance of appearance and aesthetics all play critical roles in a well-managed storage. The following lesson provides an overview of these critical issues. In addition, producers can evaluate their own management of an existing storage with the aid of the Environmental Stewardship Assessment of operation and maintenance (Appendix D, Lesson 20).