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FOREWORD (This foreword is not part of American National Standard Good Environmental Livestock Production Practices – Mortality Management, GELPP 0005-2002)

The Good Environmental Livestock Production Practices (GELPP) are compilations of best management practices (BMP) that are commonly applied throughout confined livestock production operations. There are five separate GELPPs addressing each of the five fundamental concentrated livestock production risk areas: 1) General Site Conditions, 2) Production Areas, 3) Outdoor Manure and Storm Water Storage, 4) Manure Utilization, and 5) Mortality Management. The BMPs that have been incorporated in the GELPPs are considered to be the fundamental environmental management practices that are necessary for a livestock production operation to function in an environmentally sound and protective manner. The BMPs that make up the GELPPs are based on academic research, professional society publications, guidance from governmental agencies, and the findings from on-farm assessments conducted on concentrated livestock production operations throughout the United States.

The GELPPs aid the entire confined livestock production industry by presenting essential environmental management and protection practices in a consistent and objective format that can be applied across the United States. The GELPPs allow this broad application because they are designed as performance based standards.

There is one Annex in this standard. Annex A is informative and not considered part of this standard. This annex gives additional information and is intended to provide further explanation of certain specifications in this standard to avoid misinterpretations.

Suggestions for improvement of this standard are welcome. They should be sent to Environmental Management Solutions, LLC, Attention: GELPP Coordinator, 7733 Douglas Avenue, Urbandale, Iowa 50322.

Consensus for this standard was achieved by use of the Canvass Method.

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Good Environmental Livestock Production Practices

Concentrated Livestock Operations – Mortality Management

1. Introduction

Recognition of the importance of environmental management at livestock production operations in the U.S. has dramatically increased in the past few years. This recognition has come about because of increased regulation, private litigation, and the desire of the livestock industry to continue, and to improve wherever practical, their environmental stewardship.

This standard is the fifth in a series that addresses environmental issues related to livestock production at animal feeding operations (AFO). This standard, as well as the other standards in the series, is referred to as a good environmental livestock production practice (GELPP). The GELPPs are a compilation of best management practices (BMP) obtained from various sources, including United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) publications, university publications, commodity groups and other livestock industry experts. Until now, these GELPPs have not been compiled and applied consistently across the industry. These GELPPs are designed to minimize the potential for an AFO to negatively impact the environment (i.e., air, ground water, surface water and soil).

By implementing these GELPPs, livestock producers should significantly reduce their potential to negatively impact the environment. In addition, application of the GELPPs will demonstrate the producers' commitment to environmental stewardship.

1.1 Scope

This standard presents GELPPs related to mortality management at AFOs. The GELPPs apply to all types of AFOs, including but not limited to those producing hogs, beef cattle, milk (dairies), meat birds and eggs (layers). **AFOs that are not included in any of the above species will utilize the most appropriate species' GELPPs.**

This standard is applicable to any AFO that wishes to:

- a) minimize its potential to generate negative environmental impacts;
- b) demonstrate good environmental stewardship; and,
- c) improve relationships with all parties directly or indirectly affected by the operation.

2. Definitions

2.1 Animal Feeding Operation (AFO)

Any facility where animals have been, are, or will be stabled or confined and fed or maintained for 45 days or more per year, and where crops, vegetation, forage, growth or post-harvest residues are not sustained in the normal growing season over any portion of the facility.

2.2 Facility

The physical location where livestock is housed, fed and bred. The facility also includes the following: any storage or processing areas or buildings tied to the livestock production operations; all mortality storage and/or disposal areas; and all manure handling, storage and/or treatment areas.

2.3 Good Environmental Livestock Production Practice

A compilation of environmental BMP obtained from various sources including USDA NRCS publications, university publications and other livestock industry experts.