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RE: Chapter 102 requirements and Avian Influenza

As you may be aware, there is potential for the **Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)** to surface in Pennsylvania. This HPAI was first identified in the United States in late 2014, and has been spreading across the Midwestern states.

Properly **managing and disposing** of dead farm animals is important in controlling HPAI.

Every poultry operation should have a strategy for properly disposing of dead stock. That strategy must follow a legal disposal method as defined in the PA Domestic Animal Act. There are several methods of dealing with mass mortality. Some methods, not an exclusive list, may be composting in house, outside composting, fermentation, burial, etc.

Attached you will find a Burial and Outdoor Composting Options factsheet that details legal and environmental considerations. Additionally attached is a model Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan (E&S) plan that a poultry operation can develop, along with a sample model filled out, as an example.

Please shared these documents with farmers, clients, etc. that may have a need. These documents are not up for review, but rather are provided as final guidance for E&S planning purposes.

Note, that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has determined that the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permit (NPDES) requirements for disturbances over 1 acre, is not required for HPAI cases only.

The information and techniques outlined in this brochure are intended as guidance. Contact the PA Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Health and Diagnostic Services at 717-772-2852 for additional information and instructions.