

459.207 Animal feeding operations — airborne pollutants control.

1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

a. “Airborne pollutant” means hydrogen sulfide, ammonia, or odor.

b. “Separated location” means a location or object from which a separation distance is required under section 459.202 or 459.204, other than a public thoroughfare.

2. The department shall conduct a comprehensive field study to monitor the level of airborne pollutants emitted from animal feeding operations in this state, including but not limited to each type of confinement feeding operation structure.

3. a. After the completion of the field study, the department may develop comprehensive plans and programs for the abatement, control, and prevention of airborne pollutants originating from animal feeding operations in accordance with this section. The comprehensive plans and programs may be developed if the baseline data from the field study demonstrates to a reasonable degree of scientific certainty that airborne pollutants emitted by an animal feeding operation are present at a separated location at levels commonly known to cause a material and verifiable adverse health effect. The department may adopt any comprehensive plans or programs in accordance with chapter 17A prior to implementation or enforcement of an air quality standard but in no event shall the plans and programs provide for the enforcement of an air quality standard prior to December 1, 2004.

b. Any air quality standard established by the department for animal feeding operations shall be based on and enforced at distances measured from a confinement feeding operation structure to a separated location. In providing for the enforcement of the standards, the department shall take all initial measurements at the separated location. If the department determines that a violation of the standards exists, the department may conduct an investigation to trace the source of the airborne pollutant. This section does not prohibit the department from entering the premises of an animal feeding operation in compliance with section 455B.103. The department shall comply with standard biosecurity requirements customarily required by the animal feeding operation which are necessary in order to control the spread of disease among an animal population.

c. The department shall establish recommended best management practices, mechanisms, processes, or infrastructure under the comprehensive plans and programs in order to reduce the airborne pollutants emitted from an animal feeding operation.

d. The department shall provide a procedure for the approval and monitoring of alternative or experimental practices, mechanisms, processes, or infrastructure to reduce the airborne pollutants emitted from an animal feeding operation, which may be incorporated as part of the comprehensive plans and programs developed under this section.

2002 Acts, ch 1137, §23, 68, 71; 2002 Acts, 2nd Ex, ch 1003, §260, 262