

21—90.27(203C) Emergency ground pile storage space. Emergency ground pile storage space may, in the discretion of the department, be approved and licensed for the storage of corn on the following bases:

90.27(1) License period. A license for emergency ground pile storage space shall be effective from August 1 to January 31 of the following year.

90.27(2) Expiration. The warehouse operator shall either purchase the grain stored in the emergency ground pile storage space or remove the corn from the emergency ground pile storage space prior to February 1. Any corn remaining in such space after this date will not be included in grain inventory measurements made by the department, and such corn may not be used to cover storage obligations.

90.27(3) Bonding. Before any corn can be placed in licensed emergency ground pile storage space, the department shall receive either an irrevocable letter of credit or a surety bond in the amount of \$2 for each bushel to be placed in emergency ground pile storage space. The irrevocable letter of credit or surety bond will expire on April 1. The issuer shall not cancel the irrevocable letter of credit or surety bond filed with the department under this rule on less than 45 days' notice by certified mail to the department and to the licensee. When the department receives notice from an issuer that the issuer has canceled the irrevocable letter of credit or surety bond, and the letter of credit or surety bond is still needed, the department shall automatically suspend the license if the department does not receive a replacement irrevocable letter of credit or surety bond within 30 days of the issuance of the notice of cancellation. If a replacement irrevocable letter of credit or surety bond is not filed within 10 days following the suspension, the department shall automatically revoke the warehouse operator's license.

90.27(4) Specifications for emergency ground pile storage. All emergency ground pile storage space shall have an asphalt base, concrete base, or a compacted limestone base which meets the following minimum specifications:

- a. Base shall be of a depth and compaction to permit trucks or other equipment used in loading or unloading the pad to move around over the base without breaking through or unduly scuffing the surface.
- b. Depth of limestone top shall be not less than four inches.
- c. Adequate slope and drainage away from the base shall be provided to prevent any water from standing or backing up under the grain.

90.27(5) Licensing. All emergency ground pile storage space to be included under a warehouse operator license shall be licensed before any corn to be stored is placed in it.

90.27(6) Limitation. Emergency licensed ground pile storage space may not exceed 30 percent of permanent licensed storage capacity.

90.27(7) Record keeping. A separate daily position record shall be maintained on all corn placed in the emergency licensed ground pile storage space.

90.27(8) Moisture and quality. Corn containing more than 15 percent moisture shall not be stored in emergency ground pile storage space. Corn which does not grade No. 2 or better using the Official United States Standards for Grain shall not be stored in emergency ground pile storage space.

90.27(9) Removal from license. The bureau chief or examiner shall issue written notice to the warehouse operator for any emergency ground pile storage space which no longer meets the requirements of this rule. Failure of the warehouse operator to place the emergency ground pile storage space in a suitable condition within a reasonable length of time shall result in the elimination of emergency ground pile storage space from coverage under the warehouse operator license.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 203C.2, 203C.7, 203C.8, 203C.12, 203C.16, and 203C.18.