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DEQ PURSUES ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AGAINST FEEDLOT VIOLATIONS

HELENA - The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has pursued enforcement actions against six cattle feedlots across Montana. Concentrated Animal Feedlot Operations (CAFOs) that have the potential to discharge manure-laden runoff to surface water are required to obtain a discharge permit under the Montana Water Quality Act. Six CAFOs in Montana failed to construct wastewater control structures as required by their permit authorizations.

The DEQ signed administrative orders on consent with the six CAFO owners in 2004 to resolve the violations. Under the orders, the CAFOs are required to obtain an individual discharge permits and construct wastewater control structures in accordance with a compliance schedule. Failure to meet the compliance deadline will result in the accrual of a \$250 daily penalty.

Glasgow Stockyards, Inc., and the Central Montana Livestock Auction, in Lewistown, completed construction in 2004 and the DEQ closed its enforcement action against these two CAFOs. Northern Montana Feeders in Dupuyer, and the Cornwell Ranch, Langen Ranch and the Buggy Creek Livestock Company, all in the Glasgow area, are designing appropriate wastewater structures in anticipation of construction during 2005 and 2006.

More information about CAFOs and discharge permits is available on the DEQ website at www.deq.mt.gov or by calling 406-444-3080.

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