
RAP Variance Request**Siting of Field Stacked Manure or Compost AND/OR Siting of Mortality Compost or Burial**

Name of Farmer: _____

Name of Farm: _____

Mailing Address of Farmer: _____
_____Physical Address of Farm Requesting a Variance: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Type of Variance(s) Requested:

- “ Siting Setback for Field Stacked Manure or Compost per RAPs § 6.02(f)
- “ Siting Setback for Composting of Animal Mortalities per RAPs § 6.08(d)
- “ Siting Setback for Burial of Animal Mortalities per RAPs § 6.08(d)

Please include information for all proposed sites. All questions must be answered. The application will not be considered complete if questions have been left blank.

Please explain why you are unable to meet the current setbacks.

Please provide an explanation as to the expected amount(s) and type(s) of material that you plan to stack or bury in this location, i.e. number of mortalities, tons and types of manure, tons of waste feed or any other organic material you intend to incorporate in the pile.

If requesting a variance for manure stacking or mortality composting, please provide an explanation as to how you plan to manage this site. Include when the stack will be removed, where the stack will go, and your plan to manage the site for runoff. Field stacked agricultural wastes shall be land applied according to nutrient management requirements, at least every three years, and possibly more often under an approve variance. If you are requesting a variance for a burial site, please respond N/A.

If you plan to bury mortalities you are advised to contact Dig Safe (1-888-344-7233) to ensure that there are no underground wires, water pipes, or gas lines below the requested location.

SITE SPECIFIC DETAILS

Please complete the following table for each site you are requesting a variance for:

Please also include a map(s) which indicates the location of: the proposed site(s), surface waters, ditch or conveyance to surface water, floodable soils layer, property boundaries, wells, neighboring residence, and public buildings.

	Site #1	Site #2	Site #3
Type of stack (manure stack, mortality composting, mortality burying)			
Distance from top of bank of surface water (feet)			
Distance from public or private water supply (feet)			
Distance from a property line (feet)			
Distance from a ditch or conveyance to surface water (feet)			
Will the requested location site be on land that is in a floodway or subject to annual flooding?	Yes _____ No _____	Yes _____ No _____	Yes _____ No _____
Does the requested site have at least 24 inches of top soil before reaching bedrock?	Yes _____ No _____	Yes _____ No _____	Yes _____ No _____
What are the expected maximum dimensions of the field stack, mortality composting pile, or mortality burial site?			
Is ground water within three feet of the ground surface?	Yes _____ No _____	Yes _____ No _____	Yes _____ No _____
Is the consistency of the pile at least 20% solids such that it is capable of being stacked four feet high?	Yes _____ No _____	Yes _____ No _____	Yes _____ No _____

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information provided here is, to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate, and complete.

Applicant Name (please print):

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

Please direct any questions to the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets**Please call: (802) 828-2431 or Email: AGR.WaterQuality@vermont.gov****Guidance documents available at:**https://nerc.org/documents/manure_management/VT/composting_animal_mortalities.pdf