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1 AN ACT Relating to managing livestock nutrients; amending RCW
2 90.64.005, 90.64.010, 90.64.020, 90.64.023, 90.64.026, 90.64.028,
3 90.64.030, 90.64.040, 90.64.050, 90.64.110, 90.64.150, 43.21B.001,
4 43.21B.110, 43.21B.300, and 43.21B.310; adding a new chapter to Title
5 16 RCW; creating a new section; recodifying RCW 90.64.005, 90.64.010,
6 90.64.050, 90.64.110, 90.64.020, 90.64.120, 90.64.026, 90.64.028,
7 90.64.023, 90.64.030, 90.64.040, 90.64.100, 90.64.813, and 90.64.150;
8 decodifying RCW 90.64.900 and 90.64.901; repealing RCW 90.64.015,
9 90.64.017, 90.64.070, 90.64.080, 90.64.130, 90.64.140, 90.64.160, and
10 90.64.800; prescribing penalties; and providing an effective date.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) This chapter applies to all operations
13 that meet the definition of an animal feeding operation.

14 (2)(a) This chapter creates specific permit requirements consistent
15 with the federal CAFO rule for all defined or designated concentrated
16 animal feeding operations.

17 (b) All dairies are required to implement nutrient management plans
18 and perform certain reporting.

1 (c) AFOs that are not CAFOs or dairies are not required to obtain
2 permit coverage or have a plan under this chapter. However, no AFO is
3 allowed to pollute waters of the state, and all AFOs may be inspected
4 by the department under this chapter.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 90.64.005 and 1998 c 262 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 The legislature finds that there is a need ~~((to establish a clear~~
8 ~~and understandable process that provides for the proper and effective~~
9 ~~management of dairy nutrients that affect the quality of surface or~~
10 ~~ground waters in the state of Washington. The legislature finds that~~
11 ~~there is a need for a program that will provide a stable and~~
12 ~~predictable business climate upon which dairy farms may base future~~
13 ~~investment decisions.~~

14 The legislature finds that federal regulations require a permit
15 program for dairies with over seven hundred head of mature cows and,
16 other specified dairy farms that directly discharge into waters or are
17 otherwise significant contributors of pollution. The legislature finds
18 that significant work has been ongoing over a period of time and that
19 the intent of this chapter is to take the consensus that has been
20 developed and place it into statutory form.

21 It is also the intent of this chapter to establish an inspection
22 and technical assistance program for dairy farms to address the
23 discharge of pollution to surface and ground waters of the state that
24 will lead to water quality compliance by the industry. A further
25 purpose is to create a balanced program involving technical assistance,
26 regulation, and enforcement with coordination and oversight of the
27 program by a committee composed of industry, agency, and other
28 representatives. Furthermore, it is the objective of this chapter to
29 maintain the administration of the water quality program as it relates
30 to dairy operations at the state level.

31 It is also the intent of this chapter to recognize the existing
32 working relationships between conservation districts, the conservation
33 commission, and the department of ecology in protecting water quality
34 of the state. A further purpose of this chapter is to provide
35 statutory recognition of the coordination of the functions of
36 conservation districts, the conservation commission, and the department
37 of ecology pertaining to development of dairy waste management plans

1 ~~for the protection of water quality))~~ for an effective livestock
2 nutrient management program for all segments of the livestock industry
3 that meets and is consistent with federal water quality rules. The
4 goals of the program are to provide clear guidance to animal feeding
5 operations about their responsibilities under state and federal water
6 quality laws and to implement the necessary program requirements in a
7 consistent manner that will maintain a healthy and productive livestock
8 industry in Washington state. It is the intent of the legislature that
9 the department of agriculture continues the existing program for all
10 licensed dairies, implements the revised program for CAFOs and AFOs,
11 and carries out effective, fair, and equitable enforcement.

12 **Sec. 3.** RCW 90.64.010 and 1998 c 262 s 2 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
15 this section apply throughout this chapter.

16 ~~(1) ("Advisory and oversight committee" means a balanced committee~~
17 ~~of agency, dairy farm, and interest group representatives convened to~~
18 ~~provide oversight and direction to the dairy nutrient management~~
19 ~~program.~~

20 ~~(2) "Bypass" means the intentional diversion of waste streams from~~
21 ~~any portion of a treatment facility.~~

22 ~~(3) "Catastrophic" means a tornado, hurricane, earthquake, flood,~~
23 ~~or other extreme condition that causes an overflow from a required~~
24 ~~waste retention structure.~~

25 ~~(4))~~ "Department" means the department of agriculture of the state
26 of Washington.

27 (2) "Director" means the director of the department or the
28 director's designee.

29 (3) "Animal feeding operation" or "AFO" means a lot or facility,
30 other than an aquatic animal production facility, where the following
31 conditions are met:

32 (a) Animals, other than aquatic animals, have been, are, or will be
33 stabled or confined and fed or maintained for a total of forty-five
34 days or more in any twelve-month period; and

35 (b) Crops, vegetation, forage growth, or postharvest residues are
36 not sustained in the normal growing season over any portion of the lot
37 or facility.

1 (4) "Certification" means:

2 (a) The acknowledgment by ~~((a local conservation district))~~ the
3 department that a ~~((dairy))~~ livestock producer has constructed or
4 otherwise put in place the elements and management necessary to
5 implement his or her ~~((dairy))~~ livestock nutrient management plan; and

6 (b) The acknowledgment by a ~~((dairy))~~ livestock producer that he or
7 she is managing ~~((dairy))~~ livestock nutrients and maintaining records
8 as specified in his or her approved ~~((dairy))~~ livestock nutrient
9 management plan.

10 (5) ~~((("Chronic" means a series of wet weather events that precludes~~
11 ~~the proper operation of a dairy nutrient management system that is~~
12 ~~designed for the current herd size.~~

13 ~~((6))~~ "Conservation commission" or "commission" means the
14 conservation commission under chapter 89.08 RCW.

15 ~~((7))~~ (6) "Conservation districts" or "district" means a
16 subdivision of state government organized under chapter 89.08 RCW.

17 ~~((8))~~ (7) "Concentrated ~~((dairy))~~ animal feeding operation" or
18 "CAFO" means ~~((a dairy animal feeding operation subject to regulation~~
19 ~~under this chapter which the director designates))~~ an AFO that is
20 defined as a large CAFO or as a medium CAFO under this section, or that
21 is designated as a CAFO under RCW 90.64.020 ~~((or meets the following~~
22 ~~criteria:~~

23 ~~(a) Has more than seven hundred mature dairy cows, whether milked~~
24 ~~or dry cows, that are confined; or~~

25 ~~(b) Has more than two hundred head of mature dairy cattle, whether~~
26 ~~milked or dry cows, that are confined and either:~~

27 ~~(i) From which pollutants are discharged into navigable waters~~
28 ~~through a manmade ditch, flushing system, or other similar manmade~~
29 ~~device; or~~

30 ~~(ii) From which pollutants are discharged directly into surface or~~
31 ~~ground waters of the state that originate outside of and pass over,~~
32 ~~across, or through the facility or otherwise come into direct contact~~
33 ~~with the animals confined in the operation.~~

34 ~~(9) "Dairy animal feeding operation" means a lot or facility where~~
35 ~~the following conditions are met:~~

36 ~~(a) Dairy animals that have been, are, or will be stabled or~~
37 ~~confined and fed for a total of forty five days or more in any twelve-~~
38 ~~month period; and~~

1 ~~(b) Crops, vegetation forage growth, or postharvest residues are~~
2 ~~not sustained in the normal growing season over any portion of the lot~~
3 ~~or facility. Two or more dairy animal feeding operations under common~~
4 ~~ownership are considered, for the purposes of this chapter, to be a~~
5 ~~single dairy animal feeding operation if they adjoin each other or if~~
6 ~~they use a common area for land application of wastes.~~

7 ~~(10)) (as recodified by this act). Two or more AFOs under common~~
8 ~~ownership are considered to be a single AFO for the purposes of~~
9 ~~determining the number of animals at an operation, if they adjoin each~~
10 ~~other or if they use a common area or system for the disposal of~~
11 ~~livestock nutrients.~~

12 ~~(8) "Dairy ((farm))" means any farm that is licensed to produce~~
13 ~~milk under chapter 15.36 RCW.~~

14 ~~((11) "Dairy nutrient" means any organic waste produced by dairy~~
15 ~~cows or a dairy farm operation.~~

16 ~~(12) "Dairy nutrient management plan" means a plan meeting the~~
17 ~~requirements established under RCW 90.64.026.~~

18 ~~(13) "Dairy nutrient management technical assistance team" means~~
19 ~~one or more professional engineers and local conservation district~~
20 ~~employees convened to serve one of four distinct geographic areas in~~
21 ~~the state.~~

22 ~~(14) "Dairy producer" means a person who owns or operates a dairy~~
23 ~~farm.~~

24 ~~(15) "Department" means the department of ecology under chapter~~
25 ~~43.21A RCW.~~

26 ~~(16) "Director" means the director of the department of ecology, or~~
27 ~~his or her designee.~~

28 ~~(17) "Upset" means an exceptional incident in which there is an~~
29 ~~unintentional and temporary noncompliance with technology based permit~~
30 ~~effluent limitations because of factors beyond the reasonable control~~
31 ~~of the dairy. An upset does not include noncompliance to the extent~~
32 ~~caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities,~~
33 ~~inadequate treatment facilities, lack of preventive maintenance, or~~
34 ~~careless or improper operation.~~

35 ~~(18) "Violation" means the following acts or omissions: (a) A~~
36 ~~discharge of pollutants into the waters of the state, except those~~
37 ~~discharges that are due to a chronic or catastrophic event, or to an~~

1 ~~upset as provided in 40 C.F.R. Sec. 122.41, or to a bypass as provided~~
2 ~~in 40 C.F.R. Sec. 122.41, and that occur when:~~

3 ~~(i) A dairy producer has a current national pollutant discharge~~
4 ~~elimination system permit with a wastewater system designed, operated,~~
5 ~~and maintained for the current herd size and that contains all process-~~
6 ~~generated wastewater plus average annual precipitation minus~~
7 ~~evaporation plus contaminated storm water runoff from a twenty five~~
8 ~~year, twenty four hour rainfall event for that specific location, and~~
9 ~~the dairy producer has complied with all permit conditions, including~~
10 ~~dairy nutrient management plan conditions for appropriate land~~
11 ~~application practices; or~~

12 ~~(ii) A dairy producer does not have a national pollutant discharge~~
13 ~~elimination system permit, but has complied with all of the elements of~~
14 ~~a dairy nutrient management plan that: Prevents the discharge of~~
15 ~~pollutants to waters of the state, is commensurate with the dairy~~
16 ~~producer's current herd size, and is approved and certified under RCW~~
17 ~~90.64.026;~~

18 ~~(b) Failure to register as required under RCW 90.64.017; or~~

19 ~~(c) The lack of an approved dairy nutrient management plan by July~~
20 ~~1, 2002; or~~

21 ~~(d) The lack of a certified dairy nutrient management plan for a~~
22 ~~dairy farm after December 31, 2003.)~~

23 (9) "Large concentrated animal feeding operation" or "large CAFO"
24 means an AFO that stables or confines as many as or more than the
25 numbers of animals specified in any of the following categories:

26 (a) 700 mature dairy cows, whether milked or dry;

27 (b) 1,000 veal calves;

28 (c) 1,000 cattle other than mature dairy cows or veal calves.
29 Cattle includes but is not limited to heifers, steers, bulls, and
30 cow/calf pairs;

31 (d) 2,500 swine each weighing 55 pounds or more;

32 (e) 10,000 swine each weighing less than 55 pounds;

33 (f) 500 horses;

34 (g) 10,000 sheep or lambs;

35 (h) 55,000 turkeys;

36 (i) 30,000 laying hens or broilers, if the AFO uses a liquid manure
37 handling system;

1 (j) 125,000 chickens, other than laying hens, if the AFO uses other
2 than a liquid manure handling system;
3 (k) 82,000 laying hens, if the AFO uses other than a liquid manure
4 handling system;
5 (l) 30,000 ducks, if the AFO uses other than a liquid manure
6 handling system; or
7 (m) 5,000 ducks, if the AFO uses a liquid manure handling system.
8 (10) "Livestock nutrient" means manure, bedding, compost, and raw
9 materials or other materials commingled with manure or set aside for
10 disposal or process wastewater, which means water directly or
11 indirectly used in the operation of the AFO for any or all of the
12 following: Spillage or overflow from animal or poultry watering
13 systems; washing, cleaning, or flushing pens, barns, manure pits, or
14 other AFO facilities; direct contact swimming, washing, or spray
15 cooling of animals; or dust control. Process wastewater also includes
16 any water which comes into contact with any raw materials, products, or
17 byproducts including manure, litter, feed, milk, eggs, or bedding.
18 (11) "Livestock producer" means an owner or operator of an AFO,
19 CAFO, or dairy.
20 (12) "Medium concentrated animal feeding operation" or "medium
21 CAFO" means any AFO with the type and number of animals that fall
22 within any of the ranges listed below and which has been defined or
23 designated as a CAFO. An AFO is defined as a medium CAFO if:
24 (a) The type and number of animals that it stables or confines
25 falls within any of the following ranges:
26 (i) 200 to 699 mature dairy cows, whether milked or dry;
27 (ii) 300 to 999 veal calves;
28 (iii) 300 to 999 cattle other than mature dairy cows or veal
29 calves. Cattle includes but is not limited to heifers, steers, bulls,
30 and cow/calf pairs;
31 (iv) 750 to 2,499 swine each weighing 55 pounds or more;
32 (v) 3,000 to 9,999 swine each weighing less than 55 pounds;
33 (vi) 150 to 499 horses;
34 (vii) 3,000 to 9,999 sheep or lambs;
35 (viii) 16,500 to 54,999 turkeys;
36 (ix) 9,000 to 29,999 laying hens or broilers, if the AFO uses a
37 liquid manure handling system;

1 (x) 37,500 to 124,999 chickens, other than laying hens, if the AFO
2 uses other than a liquid manure handling system;

3 (xi) 25,000 to 81,999 laying hens, if the AFO uses other than a
4 liquid manure handling system;

5 (xii) 10,000 to 29,999 ducks, if the AFO uses other than a liquid
6 manure handling system; or

7 (xiii) 1,500 to 4,999 ducks, if the AFO uses a liquid manure
8 handling system; and

9 (b) Either one of the following conditions are met:

10 (i) Pollutants are discharged into waters of the state through a
11 man-made ditch, flushing system, or other similar man-made device; or

12 (ii) Pollutants are discharged directly into waters of the state
13 which originate outside of and pass over, across, or through the
14 facility or otherwise come into direct contact with the animals
15 confined in the operation.

16 (13) "Permit" means a combined state waste discharge and national
17 pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permit.

18 (14) "Person" means any political subdivision, government agency,
19 municipality, industry, public or private corporation, partnership,
20 association, firm, individual, or any other entity whatsoever.

21 (15) "Plan" means a livestock nutrient management plan.

22 (16) "Pollution" means contamination, or other alteration of the
23 physical, chemical, or biological properties, of any waters of the
24 state, including change in temperature, taste, color, turbidity, or
25 odor of the waters, or such discharge of any liquid, gaseous, solid,
26 radioactive, or other substance into any waters of the state as will or
27 is likely to create a nuisance or render the waters harmful,
28 detrimental, or injurious to the public health, safety, or welfare, or
29 to domestic, commercial, industrial, agricultural, recreational, or
30 other legitimate beneficial uses, or to livestock, wild animals, birds,
31 fish, or other aquatic life.

32 (17) "Small concentrated animal feeding operation" or "small CAFO"
33 means an AFO that is designated as a CAFO and is not a medium CAFO.

34 (18) "Waters" or "waters of the state" means lakes, rivers, ponds,
35 streams, inland waters, underground waters, saltwaters, and all other
36 surface waters and watercourses within the jurisdiction of the state of
37 Washington.

1 **Sec. 4.** RCW 90.64.020 and 1993 c 221 s 3 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) The director (~~((of the department of ecology))~~) may designate any
4 (~~((dairy animal feeding operation as a concentrated dairy animal feeding~~
5 ~~operation))~~) AFO as a CAFO upon determining that it is a significant
6 contributor of pollution to the (~~((surface or ground))~~) waters of the
7 state.

8 (2) In making this designation, the director shall consider the
9 following factors:

10 (a) The size of the (~~((animal feeding operation))~~) AFO and the amount
11 of (~~((wastes))~~) livestock nutrients reaching waters of the state;

12 (b) The location of the (~~((animal feeding operation))~~) AFO relative
13 to waters of the state;

14 (c) The means of conveyance of (~~((animal wastes and process waters))~~)
15 livestock nutrients into the waters of the state;

16 (d) The slope, vegetation, rainfall, and other factors affecting
17 the likelihood or frequency of discharge of (~~((animal wastes and process~~
18 ~~wastewaters))~~) livestock nutrients into the waters of the state; (~~((and))~~)

19 (e) The effort by the AFO to stop the discharge; and

20 (f) Other relevant factors as established by the department by
21 rule.

22 (~~((2) A notice of intent to apply for a permit shall not be~~
23 ~~required from a concentrated dairy animal feeding operation designated~~
24 ~~under this section until the director has conducted an on-site~~
25 ~~inspection of the operation and determined that the operation should~~
26 ~~and could be regulated under the permit program.))~~)

27 (3) An AFO shall not be designated as a CAFO under this section
28 unless the director has conducted an on-site inspection of the
29 operation and determined that the operation should be regulated under
30 the permit program. In addition, no AFO with numbers of animals below
31 those for a medium CAFO may be designated as a CAFO unless:

32 (a) Pollutants are discharged into waters of the state through a
33 man-made ditch, flushing system, or other similar man-made device; or

34 (b) Pollutants are discharged directly into waters of the state
35 which originate outside of the facility and pass over, across, or
36 through the facility or otherwise come into direct contact with the
37 animals confined in the operation.

1 **Sec. 5.** RCW 90.64.023 and 1998 c 262 s 5 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 ~~(1) ((By October 1, 1998, the department shall initiate an~~
4 ~~inspection program of all dairy farms in the state. The purpose of the~~
5 ~~inspections is to:~~

6 ~~(a))~~ The department has the authority to conduct inspections under
7 this chapter to:

8 (a) Determine if an animal feeding operation meets the definition
9 of a CAFO under this chapter;

10 (b) Ensure compliance by AFOs, CAFOs, and dairies with state and
11 federal water quality laws and rules, including those adopted under
12 chapter 90.48 RCW;

13 (c) Determine whether a CAFO is complying with the terms and
14 conditions of its permit;

15 (d) Survey for evidence of violations;

16 ~~((b))~~ (e) Identify corrective actions for actual or imminent
17 discharges that violate or could violate the state's water quality
18 standards or this chapter;

19 ~~((e))~~ (f) Monitor the development and implementation of ((dairy))
20 livestock nutrient management plans; and

21 ~~((d))~~ (g) Identify ((dairy producers who would benefit from))
22 AFOs, CAFOs, and dairies that are eligible for technical assistance or
23 education programs.

24 ~~(2) ((Local conservation district employees may, at their~~
25 ~~discretion, accompany department inspectors on any scheduled inspection~~
26 ~~of dairy farms except random, unannounced inspections.~~

27 ~~(3) Follow up inspections shall be conducted by the department to~~
28 ~~ensure that corrective and other actions as identified in the course of~~
29 ~~initial inspections are being carried out. The department shall also~~
30 ~~conduct such additional inspections as are necessary to ensure~~
31 ~~compliance with state and federal water quality requirements, provided~~
32 ~~that all licensed dairy farms shall be inspected once within two years~~
33 ~~of the start of this program. The department, in consultation with the~~
34 ~~advisory and oversight committee established in section 8 of this act,~~
35 ~~shall develop performance based criteria to determine the frequency of~~
36 ~~inspections.~~

37 ~~(4) Dairy farms)~~ The department shall inspect all CAFOs and
38 dairies at least once every two years.

1 (3) CAFOs and dairies shall be prioritized for inspection based on
2 ~~((the development of))~~ criteria that include, but are not limited to,
3 the following factors:

4 (a) Existence or implementation of a ~~((dairy))~~ livestock nutrient
5 management plan;

6 (b) Proximity to impaired waters of the state; ~~((and))~~

7 (c) Proximity to all other waters of the state~~((The criteria
8 developed to implement this subsection (4) shall be reviewed by the
9 advisory and oversight committee.))~~);

10 (d) Proximity to shellfish beds;

11 (e) Permit status;

12 (f) Compliance history; and

13 (g) Other relevant factors as may be determined by the department.

14 (4)(a) All CAFOs must make available during inspection those
15 records required to be kept by the permit.

16 (b) Dairies not covered by a permit and AFOs shall make available
17 during inspection records including, but not limited to, animal
18 inventories for purposes of determining if the dairy or AFO is subject
19 to regulation as a CAFO, to assess compliance with state and federal
20 water quality laws, and to verify qualification for technical
21 assistance programs, education programs, or any tax exemptions
22 available under state law.

23 (5) The department may conduct follow-up inspections to ensure that
24 corrective actions identified in the course of an inspection are being
25 carried out. The department may conduct such additional inspections as
26 are necessary to ensure compliance with administrative orders issued by
27 the department and compliance with permit conditions and state and
28 federal water quality laws and rules.

29 **Sec. 6.** RCW 90.64.026 and 1998 c 262 s 6 are each amended to read
30 as follows:

31 ~~((Except for those producers who already have a certified dairy~~
32 ~~nutrient management plan as required under the terms and conditions of~~
33 ~~an individual or general national pollutant discharge elimination~~
34 ~~system permit, all dairy producers licensed under chapter 15.36 RCW,~~
35 ~~regardless of size, shall prepare a dairy)) All CAFOs and dairies are
36 required to develop a livestock nutrient management plan. These plans
37 must be approved by the department and certified as fully implemented~~

1 by the department and the livestock producer. If at any time ((a
2 dairy)) compliance with a livestock nutrient management plan fails to
3 prevent the discharge of pollutants or if complying with the plan would
4 still pose a significant potential to discharge pollutants to waters of
5 the state, ((it shall be required to be updated)) the livestock
6 producer must revise the plan as directed by the department.

7 (2) ((By November 1, 1998, the conservation commission, in
8 conjunction with the advisory and oversight committee established under
9 section 8 of this act shall develop a document clearly describing the
10 elements that a dairy nutrient management plan must contain to gain
11 local conservation district approval.

12 (3) In developing the elements that an approved dairy nutrient
13 management plan must contain, the commission may authorize the use of
14 other methods and technologies than those developed by the natural
15 resources conservation service when such alternatives have been
16 evaluated by the advisory and oversight committee. Alternative methods
17 and technologies shall meet the standards and specifications of:

18 (a) The natural resources conservation service as modified by the
19 geographically based standards developed under RCW 90.64.140; or

20 (b) A professional engineer with expertise in the area of dairy
21 nutrient management.

22 (4) In evaluating alternative technologies and methods, the
23 principal objectives of the committee's evaluation shall be
24 determining:

25 (a) Whether there is a substantial likelihood that, once
26 implemented, the alternative technologies and methods would not violate
27 water quality requirements;

28 (b) Whether more cost-effective methods can be successfully
29 implemented in some or all categories of dairy operations; and

30 (c) Whether the technologies and methods approved or provided by
31 the natural resources conservation service for use by confined animal
32 feeding operations are necessarily required for other categories of
33 dairy operations.

34 In addition, the committee shall encourage the conservation
35 commission and the conservation districts to apply in dairy nutrient
36 management plans technologies and methods that are appropriate to the
37 needs of the specific type of operation and the specific farm site and

1 to avoid imposing requirements that are not necessary for the specific
2 dairy producer to achieve compliance with water quality requirements.

3 (5) Such plans shall be submitted for approval to the local
4 conservation district where the dairy farm is located, and shall be
5 approved by conservation districts no later than by July 1, 2002. The
6 conservation commission, in conjunction with conservation districts,
7 shall develop a statewide schedule of plan development and approval to
8 ensure adequate resources are available to have all plans approved by
9 July 1, 2002.

10 (6) If a dairy producer leases land for dairy production from an
11 owner who has prohibited the development of capital improvements, such
12 as storage lagoons, on the leased property, the dairy producer shall
13 indicate in his or her dairy nutrient management plan that such
14 improvements are prohibited by the landowner and shall describe other
15 methods, such as land application, that will be employed by the dairy
16 producer to manage dairy nutrients.

17 (7) Notwithstanding the timelines in this section, any dairy farm
18 licensed after September 1, 1998, shall have six months from the date
19 of licensing to develop a dairy nutrient management plan and another
20 eighteen months to fully implement that plan.

21 (8) If a plan contains the elements identified in subsection (2) of
22 this section, a conservation district shall approve the plan no later
23 than ninety days after receiving the plan. If the plan does not
24 contain the elements identified in subsection (2) of this section, the
25 local conservation district shall notify the dairy producer in writing
26 of modifications needed in the plan no later than ninety days after
27 receiving the plan. The dairy producer shall provide a revised plan
28 that includes the needed modifications within ninety days of the date
29 of the local conservation district notification. If the dairy producer
30 does not agree with, or otherwise takes exception to, the modifications
31 requested by the local conservation district, the dairy producer may
32 initiate the appeals process described in RCW 90.64.028 within thirty
33 days of receiving the letter of notification.

34 (9) An approved plan shall be certified by a conservation district
35 and a dairy producer when the elements necessary to implement the plan
36 have been constructed or otherwise put in place, and are being used as
37 designed and intended. A certification form shall be developed by the
38 conservation commission for use statewide and shall provide for a

1 signature by both a conservation district representative and a dairy
2 producer. Certification forms shall be signed by December 31, 2003,
3 and a copy provided to the department for recording in the data base
4 established in RCW 90.64.130.

5 (10) ~~The ability of dairy producers to comply with the planning~~
6 ~~requirements of this chapter depends, in many cases, on the~~
7 ~~availability of federal and state funding to support technical~~
8 ~~assistance provided by local conservation districts. Dairy producers~~
9 ~~shall not be held responsible for noncompliance with the planning~~
10 ~~requirements of this chapter if conservation districts are unable to~~
11 ~~perform their duties under this chapter because of insufficient~~
12 ~~funding.)) Livestock producers must develop plans using natural~~
13 ~~resource conservation service (NRCS) practice standards. Equivalent~~
14 ~~practices and standards may be used if the department determines they~~
15 ~~meet or exceed NRCS standards. The department shall establish by rule~~
16 ~~a technical review process to make determinations on proposed~~
17 ~~equivalent practices and standards.~~

18 (3) All CAFOs must meet livestock nutrient management plan
19 deadlines for development and implementation required by this chapter,
20 permit, or rule.

21 (4) At a minimum, a livestock nutrient management plan for a CAFO
22 must include site-appropriate best management practices including those
23 set out in 40 C.F.R. Sec. 412.4 (April 14, 2003), and procedures
24 necessary to implement applicable effluent limitations including those
25 set out in 40 C.F.R. Part 412 (April 14, 2003), and standards. The
26 plan must, to the extent applicable:

27 (a) Ensure adequate storage of livestock nutrients, including
28 procedures to ensure proper operation and maintenance of the storage
29 facilities;

30 (b) Ensure proper management of dead animals to ensure that they
31 are not disposed of in a liquid manure, storm water, or process
32 wastewater storage or treatment system that is not specifically
33 designed to treat animal mortalities;

34 (c) Ensure that clean water is diverted, as appropriate, from the
35 production area;

36 (d) Prevent direct contact of confined animals with waters of the
37 state;

1 (e) Ensure that chemicals and other contaminants handled on-site
2 are not disposed of in any livestock nutrients or storm water storage
3 or treatment system unless specifically designed to treat such
4 chemicals and other contaminants;

5 (f) Identify appropriate site-specific conservation practices to be
6 implemented, including as appropriate buffers or equivalent practices,
7 to control runoff of pollutants to waters of the state;

8 (g) Identify protocols for appropriate testing of livestock
9 nutrients and soil;

10 (h) Establish protocols to apply livestock nutrients in accordance
11 with site-specific nutrient management practices that ensure
12 appropriate agricultural utilization of the nutrients in the livestock
13 nutrients; and

14 (i) Identify specific records that will be maintained to document
15 the implementation and management of the minimum elements described in
16 (a) through (h) of this subsection.

17 (5) A dairy that is not a CAFO by definition or designation has six
18 months from the date of obtaining a license under chapter 15.36 RCW to
19 obtain department approval of its livestock nutrient management plan
20 and eighteen months from the date of plan approval to submit the plan
21 to the department for certification.

22 (6) The plan for a dairy that is not a CAFO by definition or
23 designation shall include the minimum elements as defined by the
24 department by rule.

25 (7) If a plan contains the elements identified in subsection (6) of
26 this section, or subsection (4) of this section and meets the permit
27 requirements, the department shall approve the plan no later than
28 ninety days after receiving the plan. If the plan does not contain the
29 identified elements and permit requirements or the department
30 determines that the plan does not meet alternate criteria, the
31 department shall notify the livestock producer in writing of the denial
32 and of modifications needed for plan compliance no later than ninety
33 days after receiving the plan. The livestock producer must provide a
34 revised plan that includes the needed modifications within ninety days
35 of the date of the department's notification.

36 (8) An approved plan shall be certified by the department and the
37 livestock producer when the plan is fully implemented and is being used
38 as designed and intended.

1 (a) A certification form shall be developed by the department and
2 shall provide for a signature by both the director and the livestock
3 producer. The livestock producer must submit to the department a
4 signed certification form within eighteen months of plan approval.

5 (b) Upon receipt of the completed certification form, the
6 department shall determine within one hundred twenty days whether the
7 approved plan has been fully implemented. If the department finds the
8 plan is not fully implemented, the department shall deny certification.
9 The department shall notify the livestock producer in writing of the
10 reasons for the denial of certification and set a date by which full
11 implementation must occur.

12 (9) AFOs that are not dairies may voluntarily develop and implement
13 livestock nutrient management plans. The plans must meet the minimum
14 elements required in subsection (6) of this section. Plan approval and
15 certification shall follow the same process as identified in
16 subsections (5) and (7) of this section.

17 (10) A dairy that is not a CAFO that fails to have an approved or
18 a certified livestock nutrient management plan in place by the
19 timelines specified in this section is in violation of this chapter.
20 Each month beyond these deadlines that the dairy is out of compliance
21 with the requirement for either plan approval or plan certification is
22 considered a separate violation that may subject the dairy to
23 penalties. The penalties are one hundred dollars per month for each
24 violation up to a combined total of one thousand two hundred dollars
25 and then the penalty is two hundred dollars per month for each
26 violation up to a combined maximum of five thousand dollars.

27 **Sec. 7.** RCW 90.64.028 and 1998 c 262 s 7 are each amended to read
28 as follows:

29 (1) (~~Conservation district~~) Department decisions pertaining to
30 denial of approval or denial of certification of a (~~dairy~~) livestock
31 nutrient management plan, including a denial of the use of alternative
32 standards and practices; modification or amendment of a plan;
33 conditions contained in a plan; application of any (~~dairy~~) livestock
34 nutrient management practices, standards, methods, and technologies to
35 a particular AFO, CAFO, or dairy (~~farm~~); and the failure to adhere to
36 plan review and approval timelines identified in RCW 90.64.026 (as

1 recodified by this act) are appealable under this chapter.
2 (~~Department actions pertaining to water quality violations are~~
3 ~~appealable under chapter 90.48 RCW.~~

4 ~~In addition, a dairy producer who is constrained from complying~~
5 ~~with the planning requirements of this chapter because of financial~~
6 ~~hardship or local permitting delays may request a hearing before the~~
7 ~~conservation commission and may request an extension of up to one year~~
8 ~~beyond the approval and certification dates prescribed in this chapter~~
9 ~~for plan approval and certification.))~~

10 (2) Within thirty days of receiving ((~~a local conservation~~
11 ~~district~~)) notification regarding any of the decisions identified in
12 subsection (1) of this section, a ((~~dairy~~)) livestock producer who
13 disagrees with any of these decisions ((~~may request an informal hearing~~
14 ~~before the conservation commission or~~)) may appeal ((~~directly~~)) to the
15 pollution control hearings board. ((~~The commission shall issue a~~
16 ~~written decision no later than thirty days after the informal hearing.~~

17 ~~(3) If the conservation commission reverses the decision of the~~
18 ~~conservation district, the conservation district may appeal this~~
19 ~~reversal to the pollution control hearings board according to the~~
20 ~~procedure in chapter 43.21B RCW within thirty days of receipt of the~~
21 ~~commission's decision.~~

22 ~~(4))~~ (3) When an appeals process is initiated under this section,
23 the length of time extending from the start of the appeals process to
24 its conclusion shall be added onto the timelines provided in this
25 chapter for plan development, approval, and certification ((~~only if an~~
26 ~~appeal is heard by the pollution control hearings board~~)).

27 **Sec. 8.** RCW 90.64.030 and 2003 c 325 s 3 are each amended to read
28 as follows:

29 (1) ((~~Under the inspection program established in RCW 90.64.023,~~
30 ~~the department may investigate a dairy farm to determine whether the~~
31 ~~operation is discharging pollutants or has a record of discharging~~
32 ~~pollutants into surface or ground waters of the state. Upon concluding~~
33 ~~an investigation, the department shall make a written report of its~~
34 ~~findings, including the results of any water quality measurements,~~
35 ~~photographs, or other pertinent information, and provide a copy of the~~
36 ~~report to the dairy producer within twenty days of the investigation.~~

1 ~~(2)~~) (a) The department shall investigate a written complaint
2 filed with the department within three working days and shall make a
3 written report of its findings including the results of any water
4 quality measurements, photographs, or other pertinent information.
5 Within twenty days of receiving a written complaint, a copy of the
6 findings shall be provided to the ~~((dairy))~~ livestock producer subject
7 to the complaint, and, if requested, to the complainant if the person
8 gave his or her name and address to the department at the time the
9 complaint was filed.

10 ~~((3))~~ (b) The department may consider past complaints against the
11 same AFO, CAFO, or dairy ~~((farm))~~ from the same person and the results
12 of its previous inspections, and has the discretion to decide whether
13 to conduct an inspection if:

14 ~~((a))~~ (i) The same or a similar complaint or complaints have been
15 filed against the same AFO, CAFO, or dairy ~~((farm))~~ within the
16 immediately preceding six-month period; and

17 ~~((b))~~ (ii) The department made a determination that the activity
18 that was the subject of the prior complaint was not a violation.

19 ~~((4))~~ (c) If the decision of the department is not to conduct an
20 inspection, it shall document the decision and the reasons for the
21 decision within twenty days. The department shall provide the decision
22 to the complainant if the name and address were provided to the
23 department, and to the ~~((dairy))~~ livestock producer subject to the
24 complaint, and the department shall place the decision in the
25 department's administrative records.

26 ~~((5))~~ (2) The report of findings of any inspection conducted as
27 the result of either an oral or a written complaint shall be placed in
28 the department's administrative records. ~~((Only findings of violations
29 shall be entered into the data base identified in RCW 90.64.130.~~

30 ~~(6) A)~~ (3) An AFO, CAFO, or dairy ~~((farm))~~ that is determined to
31 be a significant contributor of pollution based on actual water quality
32 tests, photographs, or other pertinent information, or that violates
33 the terms and conditions of a permit is subject to the provisions of
34 this chapter and to the enforcement provisions of chapters 43.05 and
35 90.48 RCW, including civil penalties levied under RCW 90.48.144 or this
36 chapter.

37 ~~((7))~~ (4) If the department determines that an unresolved water
38 quality problem from ~~((a))~~ an AFO, CAFO, or dairy ~~((farm))~~ requires

1 immediate corrective action, the department shall notify the livestock
2 producer ~~((and the district in which the problem is located))~~. When
3 corrective actions are required to address such unresolved water
4 quality problems, the department shall provide copies of all final
5 ~~((dairy farm))~~ inspection reports and documentation of all formal
6 regulatory and enforcement actions taken by the department against that
7 particular ~~((dairy farm to the local conservation district and to the~~
8 ~~appropriate dairy farm))~~ facility to the livestock producer within
9 twenty days.

10 ~~((8))~~ ~~For a violation of water quality laws that is a first offense~~
11 ~~for a dairy producer, the penalty may be waived to allow the producer~~
12 ~~to come into compliance with water quality laws))~~ (5) The penalty may
13 be waived for the first violation of water quality laws on an AFO,
14 CAFO, or dairy to allow the livestock producer to come into compliance.
15 The department shall record all ~~((legitimate))~~ violations and
16 subsequent enforcement actions.

17 ~~((9))~~ (6) A discharge of pollutants, including a storm water
18 discharge, ~~((to surface))~~ into waters of the state by an AFO, CAFO, or
19 dairy shall not be considered a violation of this chapter, chapter
20 90.48 RCW, or chapter 173-201A WAC, and shall therefore not be
21 enforceable by the department, the department of ecology, or a third
22 party, if at the time of the discharge, a violation is not occurring
23 under ~~((RCW 90.64.010(18))~~ section 32 of this act. In addition, a
24 ~~((dairy))~~ livestock producer shall not be held liable for violations of
25 this chapter, chapter 90.48 RCW, chapter 173-201A WAC, or the federal
26 clean water act due to the discharge of ~~((dairy))~~ livestock nutrients
27 to waters of the state resulting from spreading these materials on
28 lands other than where the nutrients were generated, when the nutrients
29 are spread by persons other than the ~~((dairy))~~ livestock producer or
30 the ~~((dairy))~~ producer's agent.

31 ~~((10))~~ (7) As provided under RCW 7.48.305, agricultural
32 activities associated with the management of ~~((dairy))~~ livestock
33 nutrients are presumed to be reasonable and shall not be found to
34 constitute a nuisance unless the activity has a substantial adverse
35 effect on public health and safety.

36 ~~((11))~~ (8) This section specifically acknowledges that if a
37 holder of a general or individual national pollutant discharge
38 elimination system permit complies with the permit and the ~~((dairy))~~

1 livestock nutrient management plan conditions for appropriate land
2 application practices, the permit provides compliance with the federal
3 clean water act and acts as a shield against citizen or agency
4 enforcement for any additions of pollutants to waters of the state or
5 of the United States as authorized by the permit.

6 ~~((12) A dairy producer who fails to have an approved dairy
7 nutrient management plan by July 1, 2002, or a certified dairy nutrient
8 management plan by December 31, 2003, and for which no appeals have
9 been filed with the pollution control hearings board, is in violation
10 of this chapter. Each month beyond these deadlines that a dairy
11 producer is out of compliance with the requirement for either plan
12 approval or plan certification shall be considered separate violations
13 of chapter 90.64 RCW that may be subject to penalties. Such penalties
14 may not exceed one hundred dollars per month for each violation up to
15 a combined total of five thousand dollars. The department has
16 discretion in imposing penalties for failure to meet deadlines for plan
17 approval or plan certification if the failure to comply is due to lack
18 of state funding for implementation of the program. Failure to
19 register as required in RCW 90.64.017 shall subject a dairy producer to
20 a maximum penalty of one hundred dollars. Penalties shall be levied by
21 the department.))~~

22 **Sec. 9.** RCW 90.64.040 and 1993 c 221 s 5 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

24 Enforcement actions and administrative orders issued by the
25 department ~~((of ecology))~~ may be appealed to the pollution control
26 hearings board in accordance with the provisions of chapter 43.21B RCW.

27 **Sec. 10.** RCW 90.64.050 and 1998 c 262 s 12 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 ~~((1))~~ The department has the ~~((following duties))~~ authority to
30 implement and administer a livestock nutrient management program
31 including, but not limited to, the authority to:

32 ~~((a))~~ (1) Enforce this chapter including carrying out inspections
33 and enforcement actions, and assessing penalties;

34 (2) Identify existing or potential water quality problems resulting
35 from ~~((dairy farms through implementation of the inspection program in~~

1 ~~RCW 90.64.023~~) AFO, CAFO, or dairy activities and act to bring about
2 compliance by livestock producers;
3 ~~((b))~~ (3) Inspect a ((dairy farm)) facility upon the request of
4 ~~((a dairy))~~ the livestock producer;
5 ~~((c))~~ (4) Receive, process, and verify complaints concerning
6 discharge of pollutants from ((all dairy farms)) any AFO, CAFO, or
7 dairy;
8 ~~((d))~~ (5) Determine if ((a dairy related water quality problem
9 requires immediate corrective action under the Washington state water
10 pollution control laws, chapter 90.48 RCW, or the Washington state
11 water quality standards adopted under chapter 90.48 RCW. The
12 department shall maintain the lead enforcement responsibility)) an AFO,
13 CAFO, or dairy is discharging pollutants;
14 ~~((e))~~ (6) Administer and enforce combined national pollutant
15 discharge elimination system permits and state waste discharge permits
16 for ((operators of)) concentrated ((dairy)) animal feeding operations,
17 where required by federal regulations and state laws or upon request of
18 a ((dairy)) livestock producer;
19 ~~((f) Participate on the advisory and oversight committee;~~
20 ~~(g) Encourage communication and cooperation between local~~
21 ~~department personnel and the appropriate conservation district~~
22 ~~personnel;~~
23 ~~(h))~~ (7) Require the use of ((dairy)) livestock nutrient
24 management plans as required under this chapter ((for entities required
25 to plan under this chapter; and
26 ~~(i) Provide to the commission and the advisory and oversight~~
27 ~~committee an annual report of dairy farm inspection and enforcement~~
28 ~~activities.~~
29 ~~(2) The department may not delegate its responsibilities in~~
30 ~~enforcement));~~
31 (8) Provide technical assistance to AFOs, CAFOs, and dairies in
32 gaining compliance with this chapter and in implementing livestock
33 nutrient management plans to protect water quality;
34 (9) Approve and certify livestock nutrient management plans that
35 meet the minimum standards developed under this chapter;
36 (10) Maintain and manage data necessary to administer the program
37 effectively and to track compliance activity;

1 (11) Provide communication and outreach to representatives of
2 agricultural and environmental organizations; and

3 (12) Coordinate with conservation districts or other agencies and
4 organizations that provide education and technical or financial
5 assistance programs for AFOs, CAFOs, and dairies.

6 **Sec. 11.** RCW 90.64.110 and 1993 c 221 s 12 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) In addition to the specific grants of rule-making authority in
9 this chapter, the department may adopt rules as necessary to implement
10 this chapter, including rules concerning the administration of permit
11 programs.

12 (2) The department has the authority to adopt in rule any
13 provisions in the following federal regulations: 40 C.F.R. parts 9,
14 122, 123, 124, and 412 (April 14, 2003). The department is authorized
15 to adopt rules to accommodate changes to federal regulations that are
16 subsequently adopted by the United States environmental protection
17 agency.

18 **Sec. 12.** RCW 90.64.150 and 2003 c 325 s 5 are each amended to read
19 as follows:

20 ~~((The livestock nutrient management account is created in the~~
21 ~~custody of the state treasurer.)) All receipts from monetary penalties~~
22 levied pursuant to violations of this chapter must be deposited into
23 the livestock nutrient management grant account hereby created within
24 the agricultural local fund. Expenditures from the account may be used
25 only to provide grants for research or education proposals that assist
26 livestock operations to achieve compliance with state and federal water
27 quality laws. The director ~~((of agriculture))~~ shall accept and
28 prioritize research proposals and education proposals. Only the
29 director or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the
30 account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter
31 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** Any residual balance of funds remaining in
33 the livestock nutrient management account on the effective date of this
34 section shall be transferred to the livestock nutrient management grant
35 account within the agricultural local fund.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** (1) CAFOs shall maintain and make available
2 to the department the records and annual reports as described in 40
3 C.F.R. Sec. 122.42 (2), (3), and (4) (April 14, 2003). The department
4 shall develop a standard annual reporting form and a submittal date by
5 rule for the annual report from CAFOs.

6 (2) Dairies that are not a CAFO by definition or designation shall
7 maintain and make available to the department all records required by
8 their livestock nutrient management plans. These dairies must also
9 submit a completed summary report to the department every two years
10 beginning in 2006. The department shall develop and send out a
11 standard reporting form and designate a submittal date by rule for the
12 report. If the producer fails to submit a completed summary report by
13 the submittal date, the department shall levy a penalty of one hundred
14 dollars.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** The department may coordinate with
16 Washington State University, the conservation commission, conservation
17 districts, the department of ecology, other federal, state, and local
18 agencies, and private organizations and individuals in implementing an
19 education program for improvement of nutrient management by dairies,
20 AFOs, and CAFOs and to prevent livestock nutrients from degrading the
21 quality of waters of the state. The department may refer livestock
22 producers to conservation districts, Washington State University, and
23 other entities for educational programs, technical assistance, or
24 financial assistance.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** (1) Conservation districts may, at the
26 request of a livestock producer, provide technical or financial
27 assistance in developing or revising and implementing the producer's
28 livestock nutrient management plan.

29 (2) Conservation districts may, at the request of a livestock
30 producer or the department, verify that elements of a plan meet
31 required standards.

32 (3) The conservation commission and conservation districts shall,
33 to the extent practical and to the extent that funding allows, provide
34 technical and financial assistance to livestock producers to assist
35 them in complying with this chapter.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** The director shall establish a livestock
2 nutrient management program advisory committee including members
3 representing the livestock industry; the environmental community;
4 local, state, and federal agencies; and other entities as deemed
5 appropriate. The committee shall advise the director on administration
6 of this chapter. The committee shall be appointed by the director and
7 meet as determined by the director.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** When the environmental protection agency
9 delegates authority under the federal clean water act to the department
10 and the department of ecology relinquishes its authority under RCW
11 90.48.260 to administer its national pollutant discharge elimination
12 permit system authority and other duties regarding animal feeding
13 operations and concentrated animal feeding operations, the department
14 is hereby authorized to participate fully in the programs of the
15 federal clean water act as well as to take all action necessary to
16 secure to the state the benefits and to meet the requirements of that
17 act for AFOs and CAFOs. Implementation shall be accomplished so that
18 compliance with AFO and CAFO rules, permits, programs, and directives
19 will achieve compliance with all federal and state water pollution
20 control laws. The powers granted in this section include, among
21 others, and notwithstanding any provisions of chapter 90.48 RCW or
22 otherwise, the following:

23 (1) Complete authority to establish and administer a livestock
24 nutrient management program, including a pollution discharge
25 elimination permit program which will allow the department to be the
26 sole agency issuing permits required by such national system operating
27 in the state of Washington. Program elements authorized may include,
28 but are not limited to: (a) Issuance of permits; (b) termination and
29 modification of permits for cause; (c) requirements for public notices
30 and opportunities for public hearings; (d) requirements for inspection,
31 monitoring, entry, and reporting; (e) enforcement of the program
32 through penalties, emergency powers, and criminal sanctions; (f) a
33 continuing planning process; and (g) user charges.

34 (2) The power to establish and administer a state program in a
35 manner which will ensure the procurement of moneys, whether in the form
36 of grants, loans, or otherwise, to assist in the construction,

1 operation, and maintenance of various water pollution control
2 facilities and works.

3 (3) The power to develop and implement appropriate programs
4 pertaining to continuing planning processes.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 19.** Until the department receives federal
6 delegation for the NPDES CAFO program, the department of ecology shall
7 remain responsible for NPDES permit administration as described under
8 a memorandum of understanding between the department and the department
9 of ecology. Sections 20 through 24 of this act are not effective until
10 federal delegation occurs.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 20.** (1) Any person who owns or operates an AFO
12 or dairy that is defined as or is designated as a CAFO shall obtain a
13 permit from the department.

14 (2) The permit issued by the department will be a combined state
15 waste disposal permit and national pollutant discharge elimination
16 system (NPDES) permit which meets the requirements of both the NPDES
17 and state waste discharge permit systems.

18 (3) A livestock operation meeting the definition of large CAFO may
19 seek a determination from the department that the large CAFO has no
20 potential to discharge to the waters of the state. Within sixty days
21 of such a request, the director will make a determination using the
22 process and criteria of 40 C.F.R. Sec. 122.23(f) (April 14, 2003). A
23 livestock operation that receives a determination that it has no
24 potential to discharge is not required to apply for permit coverage.
25 Such a livestock operation is not relieved from liability under this
26 chapter for actual discharges.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 21.** (1) Applications for permits must be made
28 on forms prescribed by the department, which shall be consistent with
29 the federal CAFO permit application form. An application for a permit
30 shall be made:

31 (a) At least one hundred eighty days prior to commencement of
32 operation of any new source CAFO;

33 (b) At least one hundred eighty days prior to the permit expiration
34 date;

1 (c) Within ninety days of designation as a newly designated CAFO;
2 or

3 (d) Within ninety days of the change in circumstance that causes a
4 facility not covered by a permit to become defined as a CAFO.

5 (2) The department shall establish by rule public notice and public
6 hearing requirements pertaining to department decisions on permits in
7 conformance with the requirements of 40 C.F.R. Secs. 124.10, 124.11,
8 and 124.12 (April 14, 2003) and any other applicable federal rule.

9 (3) When an application has been filed with the department that
10 complies with this chapter and its rules, the department shall
11 determine whether the management of livestock nutrients as proposed
12 will pollute waters of the state in violation of the public policy of
13 the state.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 22.** The department shall issue a permit under
15 section 20 of this act unless it finds that the disposal of livestock
16 nutrients as proposed in the application will pollute or present a
17 substantial potential to pollute the waters of the state in violation
18 of state or federal law. The department shall have authority to
19 specify conditions necessary to avoid such pollution in each permit
20 under which livestock nutrients may be disposed of by the permittee.
21 Permits, whether individual or general, shall not be valid for more
22 than five years from the date of issuance.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 23.** A permit under section 20 of this act shall
24 be subject to termination upon thirty days' notice in writing if the
25 department finds:

26 (1) That it was procured by misrepresentation of any material fact
27 or by lack of full disclosure in the application;

28 (2) That there has been a violation of the conditions thereof;

29 (3) That a material change in quantity or type of livestock
30 nutrient disposal exists.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 24.** In the event that a material change in the
32 condition of the waters occurs, the department may, by appropriate
33 order, modify permit conditions or specify additional conditions in
34 permits previously issued.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 25.** It is unlawful for any person regulated by
2 this chapter to throw, drain, run, or otherwise discharge into any of
3 the waters of this state, or to cause, permit, or suffer to be thrown,
4 run, drained, allowed to seep, or otherwise discharged into such waters
5 any organic or inorganic matter, including livestock nutrients, that
6 shall cause or tend to cause pollution of such waters according to the
7 determination of the department, as provided for in this chapter.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 26.** If any discharge to waters of the state
9 occurs, a CAFO shall notify the department as specified in the permit.
10 A dairy that is not a CAFO shall notify the department within twenty-
11 four hours and submit a written report within five days describing at
12 a minimum: The discharge, receiving water, cause, dates, estimated
13 quantities, corrective steps taken to repair impacts, and how it will
14 prevent any future discharge.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 27.** (1) The director has the authority to enter
16 any AFO, CAFO, or dairy at any reasonable time and inspect property or
17 facilities and records required under this chapter. Upon arrival at an
18 AFO, CAFO, or dairy, the department shall present identification and
19 give verbal notification of the purpose of the inspection, which may
20 include sampling and testing, to the livestock producer or his or her
21 agent.

22 (2) If the director is denied access to property, facility, or
23 records, the director may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction
24 for a search warrant authorizing access to property, facilities, or
25 records for purposes of inspections, sampling, or testing as authorized
26 in this chapter. The court may upon the application issue a search
27 warrant for the purposes requested.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 28.** The department, with the assistance of the
29 attorney general, is authorized to bring any appropriate action at law
30 or in equity, including action for injunctive relief, in the name of
31 the people of the state of Washington as may be necessary to carry out
32 this chapter.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 29.** (1) Whenever, in the opinion of the
34 department, any person violates or creates a substantial potential to

1 violate this chapter, or fails to control the polluting content of
2 waste discharged or to be discharged into any waters of the state, the
3 department shall notify the person of its determination by registered
4 or certified mail. Such determination shall not constitute an order or
5 directive under chapter 43.21B or 34.05 RCW. Within thirty days from
6 the receipt of notice of the determination, the person must file with
7 the department a full report stating what steps have been and are being
8 taken to control the waste or pollution or to otherwise comply with the
9 determination of the department. The department then shall issue such
10 order or directive as it deems appropriate under the circumstances, and
11 shall notify the person by registered or certified mail.

12 (2) Whenever the department deems immediate action is necessary to
13 accomplish the purposes of this chapter, it may issue such order or
14 directive, as appropriate under the circumstances, without first
15 issuing a notice or determination pursuant to subsection (1) of this
16 section. An order or directive issued pursuant to this subsection
17 shall be served by registered or certified mail or personally upon any
18 person to whom it is directed.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 30.** Any person found guilty of willfully
20 violating this chapter, or any final written orders or directive of the
21 department or a court in pursuance thereof, is guilty of a gross
22 misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of
23 up to ten thousand dollars and costs of prosecution, or by imprisonment
24 in the county jail for not more than one year, or by both such fine and
25 imprisonment in the discretion of the court. Each day upon which a
26 willful violation of this chapter occurs may be deemed a separate and
27 additional violation.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 31.** (1) Any person who:
29 (a)(i) Violates this chapter;
30 (ii) Fails to perform any duty imposed by this chapter;
31 (iii) Violates an order or other determination of the department or
32 the director made under this chapter;
33 (iv) Violates the conditions of a permit issued under this chapter;
34 or
35 (v) Otherwise causes a reduction in the quality of the state's

1 waters below the standards set under chapter 90.48 RCW or, if no
2 standards have been set, causes significant degradation of water
3 quality, thereby damaging the state's waters; and

4 (b) Causes the death of, or injury to, fish, animals, vegetation,
5 or other resources of the state;

6 shall be liable to pay the state and affected counties and cities
7 damages in an amount determined under RCW 90.48.367.

8 (2) An action is not authorized under this section against any
9 person operating in compliance with the conditions of a permit issued
10 under this chapter.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 32.** (1) Except as provided in chapter 43.05
12 RCW, every person who:

13 (a) Violates the terms or conditions of a permit issued under this
14 chapter or chapter 90.48 RCW for an AFO or a CAFO;

15 (b) Operates a CAFO without a permit as required by this chapter or
16 chapter 90.48 RCW; or

17 (c) Discharges livestock nutrients in violation of this chapter, or
18 rules or orders adopted or issued under this chapter or chapter 90.48
19 RCW,

20 shall incur, in addition to any other penalty as provided by law, a
21 penalty in an amount of up to ten thousand dollars a day for every such
22 violation. Each and every such violation shall be a separate and
23 distinct offense, and in case of a continuing violation, every day's
24 continuance shall be and be deemed to be a separate and distinct
25 violation. Every act of commission or omission which procures, aids,
26 or abets in the violation shall be considered a violation under this
27 section and subject to the penalty provided for in this section. The
28 penalty amount shall be set in consideration of the previous history of
29 the violator and the severity of the violation's impact on public
30 health or the environment in addition to other relevant factors. The
31 department is authorized to set forth the procedures and the criteria
32 for setting the penalty in rule.

33 (2) A discharge of pollutants into the waters of the state is a
34 violation of this chapter, except those discharges that occur when:

35 (a) A livestock producer has a current national pollutant discharge
36 elimination system permit with a wastewater system designed, operated,
37 and maintained for the current herd size and that contains all process-

1 generated wastewater plus average annual precipitation minus
2 evaporation plus contaminated storm water runoff from a rainfall event
3 as specified for the type of facility in 40 C.F.R. Part 412 for that
4 specific location, and the livestock producer has complied with all
5 permit conditions, including livestock nutrient management plan
6 conditions for appropriate land application practices; or

7 (b) A livestock producer does not have a national pollutant
8 discharge elimination system permit, but has complied with all of the
9 elements of a livestock nutrient management plan that: Prevents the
10 discharge of pollutants to waters of the state, is commensurate with
11 the livestock producer's current herd size, and is approved and
12 certified under RCW 90.64.026 (as recodified by this act).

13 (3) A livestock producer may assert upset as an affirmative defense
14 to allegations of discharge. "Upset" means an exceptional incident in
15 which there is an unintentional and temporary noncompliance with
16 technology-based permit effluent limitations because of factors beyond
17 the reasonable control of the producer. An upset does not include
18 noncompliance to the extent caused by operational error, improperly
19 designed treatment facilities, inadequate treatment facilities, lack of
20 preventive maintenance, or careless or improper operation.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 33.** (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of
22 this chapter, whenever it appears to the director that a person
23 regulated by this chapter is causing water quality conditions to exist
24 which require immediate action to protect the public health or welfare,
25 the director may issue a written temporary order to cease and desist to
26 the person responsible without prior notice or hearing, directing the
27 person to either: (a) Immediately discontinue or modify the discharge
28 into the waters of the state; or (b) appear before the department at
29 the time and place specified in the order to provide the department
30 information pertaining to the violations and conditions alleged in the
31 order. The temporary order to cease and desist is effective upon
32 service on the responsible person and will remain in effect until ten
33 days after the informational meeting. The responsible person shall be
34 given not less than twenty-four hours' notice of the informational
35 meeting.

36 (2) Following the informational meeting or if the responsible
37 person fails to attend the informational meeting, if the department

1 determines that water quality conditions exist which require immediate
2 action to protect the public health or welfare, the department may
3 issue a written permanent order to cease and desist requiring the
4 person to immediately discontinue or modify the discharge into waters.
5 The permanent order to cease and desist is effective upon service. If
6 this order is not immediately complied with, the attorney general, upon
7 request of the department, may seek enforcement of the order in the
8 superior court of the county in which the violation took place.
9 Permanent orders to cease and desist issued by the department are
10 appealable under chapter 43.21B RCW.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 34.** (1) The department shall establish by rule
12 annual fees for administering permits issued under this chapter. Fees
13 shall be used for costs incurred by the department in processing permit
14 applications and modifications, monitoring and evaluating compliance
15 with permits, conducting inspections, securing laboratory analysis of
16 samples taken during inspections, reviewing plans and documents
17 directly related to operations of permittees, and supporting the
18 overhead expenses that are directly related to these activities.

19 (2) The initial fee schedule adopted after delegation of national
20 pollutant discharge elimination system permit authority from the
21 environmental protection agency shall be the same as the fee schedule
22 established by the department of ecology except that fees may rise in
23 accordance with the fiscal growth factor as provided in chapter 43.135
24 RCW. Until the initial fee schedule is adopted, the fees established
25 by the department of ecology shall be in effect.

26 (3) All fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the
27 livestock nutrient management permit account within the agricultural
28 local fund and used only for purposes of administering permits under
29 this chapter.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 35.** (1) Prior to issuing an order related to
31 discharges from agricultural activity on agricultural land, the
32 department shall consider whether an enforcement action would
33 contribute to the conversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural
34 uses. Any enforcement action shall attempt to minimize the possibility
35 of such conversion.

36 (2) As used in this section:

1 (a) "Agricultural activity" means the growing, raising, or
2 production of horticultural or viticultural crops, berries, poultry,
3 livestock, grain, mint, hay, and dairy products.

4 (b) "Agricultural land" means at least five acres of land devoted
5 primarily to the commercial production of livestock or agricultural
6 commodities.

7 NEW SECTION. Sec. 36. (1) The department of ecology shall develop
8 and maintain a standard protocol for water quality monitoring of the
9 waters of the state within the vicinity of dairies and CAFOs. The
10 protocol shall include sampling methods and procedures and identify the
11 water quality constituents to be monitored.

12 (2) The department of ecology shall submit the initial protocol
13 developed according to this section to the appropriate committees of
14 the legislature by December 1, 2005.

15 **Sec. 37.** RCW 43.21B.001 and 2004 c 204 s 1 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
18 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

19 (1) "Business days" means Monday through Friday exclusive of any
20 state or federal holiday.

21 (2) "Date of receipt" means:

22 (a) Five business days after the date of mailing; or

23 (b) The date of actual receipt, when the actual receipt date can be
24 proven by a preponderance of the evidence. The recipient's sworn
25 affidavit or declaration indicating the date of receipt, which is
26 unchallenged by the agency, shall constitute sufficient evidence of
27 actual receipt. The date of actual receipt, however, may not exceed
28 forty-five days from the date of mailing.

29 (3) "Department" means the department of ecology, except for
30 references pertaining to chapter 16.-- RCW (created by section 44 of
31 this act), in which case "department" means the department of
32 agriculture.

33 (4) "Director" means the director of ecology, except for references
34 pertaining to chapter 16.-- RCW (created by section 44 of this act), in
35 which case "director" means the director of the department of
36 agriculture or a duly authorized representative.

1 **Sec. 38.** RCW 43.21B.110 and 2003 c 393 s 19 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) The hearings board shall only have jurisdiction to hear and
4 decide appeals from the following decisions of the department, the
5 department of agriculture, the director, local conservation districts,
6 and the air pollution control boards or authorities as established
7 pursuant to chapter 70.94 RCW, or local health departments:

8 (a) Civil penalties imposed pursuant to section 14 of this act,
9 section 32 of this act, RCW 18.104.155, 70.94.431, 70.105.080,
10 70.107.050, 88.46.090, 90.03.600, 90.48.144, 90.56.310, ~~((and))~~
11 90.56.330, and 90.64.026 (as recodified by this act).

12 (b) Orders issued pursuant to section 29 of this act, section 33 of
13 this act, RCW 18.104.043, 18.104.060, 43.27A.190, 70.94.211, 70.94.332,
14 70.105.095, 86.16.020, 88.46.070, 90.14.130, 90.48.120, and 90.56.330.

15 (c) Except as provided in RCW 90.03.210(2), the issuance,
16 modification, or termination of any permit, certificate, or license by
17 the department or any air authority in the exercise of its
18 jurisdiction, including the issuance or termination of a waste disposal
19 permit, the denial of an application for a waste disposal permit, the
20 modification of the conditions or the terms of a waste disposal permit,
21 or a decision to approve or deny an application for a solid waste
22 permit exemption under RCW 70.95.300.

23 (d) Decisions of local health departments regarding the grant or
24 denial of solid waste permits pursuant to chapter 70.95 RCW.

25 (e) Decisions of local health departments regarding the issuance
26 and enforcement of permits to use or dispose of biosolids under RCW
27 70.95J.080.

28 (f) Decisions of the department regarding waste-derived fertilizer
29 or micronutrient fertilizer under RCW 15.54.820, and decisions of the
30 department regarding waste-derived soil amendments under RCW 70.95.205.

31 (g) Decisions of ~~((local conservation districts))~~ the department of
32 agriculture related to the denial of approval or denial of
33 certification of a ~~((dairy))~~ livestock nutrient management plan;
34 conditions contained in a plan; application of any ~~((dairy))~~ livestock
35 nutrient management practices, standards, methods, and technologies to
36 a particular ~~((dairy farm))~~ facility; and failure to adhere to the plan
37 review and approval timelines in RCW 90.64.026 (as recodified by this
38 act).

1 (h) Any other decision by the department or an air authority which
2 pursuant to law must be decided as an adjudicative proceeding under
3 chapter 34.05 RCW.

4 (2) The following hearings shall not be conducted by the hearings
5 board:

6 (a) Hearings required by law to be conducted by the shorelines
7 hearings board pursuant to RCW 90.64.026 (as recodified by this act),
8 section 14 of this act, and chapter 90.58 RCW.

9 (b) Hearings conducted by the department pursuant to RCW 70.94.332,
10 70.94.390, 70.94.395, 70.94.400, 70.94.405, 70.94.410, and 90.44.180.

11 (c) Proceedings conducted by the department, or the department's
12 designee, under RCW 90.03.160 through 90.03.210 or 90.44.220.

13 (d) Hearings conducted by the department to adopt, modify, or
14 repeal rules.

15 (e) Appeals of decisions by the department as provided in chapter
16 43.21L RCW.

17 (3) Review of rules and regulations adopted by the hearings board
18 shall be subject to review in accordance with the provisions of the
19 Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 34.05 RCW.

20 **Sec. 39.** RCW 43.21B.300 and 2004 c 204 s 4 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 (1) Any civil penalty provided in RCW 90.64.026 (as recodified by
23 this act), section 14 of this act, section 32 of this act, RCW
24 18.104.155, 70.94.431, 70.105.080, 70.107.050, 88.46.090, 90.03.600,
25 90.48.144, 90.56.310, and 90.56.330 shall be imposed by a notice in
26 writing, either by certified mail with return receipt requested or by
27 personal service, to the person incurring the penalty from the
28 department, the department of agriculture, or the local air authority,
29 describing the violation with reasonable particularity. Within thirty
30 days after the notice is received, the person incurring the penalty may
31 apply in writing to the department, the department of agriculture, or
32 the authority, as appropriate, for the remission or mitigation of the
33 penalty. Upon receipt of the application, the department, the
34 department of agriculture, or authority may remit or mitigate the
35 penalty upon whatever terms the department, the department of
36 agriculture, or the authority in its discretion deems proper. The
37 department, the department of agriculture, or the authority may

1 ascertain the facts regarding all such applications in such reasonable
2 manner and under such rules as it may deem proper and shall remit or
3 mitigate the penalty only upon a demonstration of extraordinary
4 circumstances such as the presence of information or factors not
5 considered in setting the original penalty.

6 (2) Any penalty imposed under this section may be appealed to the
7 pollution control hearings board in accordance with this chapter if the
8 appeal is filed with the hearings board and served on the department,
9 the department of agriculture, or authority thirty days after the date
10 of receipt by the person penalized of the notice imposing the penalty
11 or thirty days after the date of receipt of the notice of disposition
12 of the application for relief from penalty.

13 (3) A penalty shall become due and payable on the later of:

14 (a) Thirty days after receipt of the notice imposing the penalty;

15 (b) Thirty days after receipt of the notice of disposition on
16 application for relief from penalty, if such an application is made; or

17 (c) Thirty days after receipt of the notice of decision of the
18 hearings board if the penalty is appealed.

19 (4) If the amount of any penalty is not paid to the department or
20 the department of agriculture, as appropriate, within thirty days after
21 it becomes due and payable, the attorney general, upon request of the
22 department or the department of agriculture, shall bring an action in
23 the name of the state of Washington in the superior court of Thurston
24 county, or of any county in which the violator does business, to
25 recover the penalty. If the amount of the penalty is not paid to the
26 authority within thirty days after it becomes due and payable, the
27 authority may bring an action to recover the penalty in the superior
28 court of the county of the authority's main office or of any county in
29 which the violator does business. In these actions, the procedures and
30 rules of evidence shall be the same as in an ordinary civil action.

31 (5) All penalties recovered shall be paid into the state treasury
32 and credited to the general fund except those penalties imposed
33 pursuant to RCW 18.104.155, which shall be credited to the reclamation
34 account as provided in RCW 18.104.155(7), RCW 70.94.431, the
35 disposition of which shall be governed by that provision, RCW
36 70.105.080, which shall be credited to the hazardous waste control and
37 elimination account, created by RCW 70.105.180, (~~and~~) RCW 90.56.330,
38 which shall be credited to the coastal protection fund created by RCW

1 90.48.390 and chapter 16.-- RCW (created by section 44 of this act)
2 which shall be credited to the livestock nutrient management grant
3 account created by RCW 90.64.150 (as recodified by this act).

4 **Sec. 40.** RCW 43.21B.310 and 2004 c 204 s 5 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Except as provided in RCW 90.03.210(2), any order issued by the
7 department, the department of agriculture, or local air authority
8 pursuant to section 29 of this act, section 33 of this act, RCW
9 70.94.211, 70.94.332, 70.105.095, 43.27A.190, 86.16.020, 88.46.070, or
10 90.48.120(2) or any provision enacted after July 26, 1987, or any
11 permit, certificate, or license issued by the department may be
12 appealed to the pollution control hearings board if the appeal is filed
13 with the board and served on the department, the department of
14 agriculture, or authority within thirty days after the date of receipt
15 of the order. Except as provided under chapter 70.105D RCW and RCW
16 90.03.210(2), this is the exclusive means of appeal of such an order.

17 (2) The department, the department of agriculture, or the authority
18 in its discretion may stay the effectiveness of an order during the
19 pendency of such an appeal.

20 (3) At any time during the pendency of an appeal of such an order
21 to the board, the appellant may apply pursuant to RCW 43.21B.320 to the
22 hearings board for a stay of the order or for the removal thereof.

23 (4) Any appeal must contain the following in accordance with the
24 rules of the hearings board:

25 (a) The appellant's name and address;

26 (b) The date and docket number of the order, permit, or license
27 appealed;

28 (c) A description of the substance of the order, permit, or license
29 that is the subject of the appeal;

30 (d) A clear, separate, and concise statement of every error alleged
31 to have been committed;

32 (e) A clear and concise statement of facts upon which the requester
33 relies to sustain his or her statements of error; and

34 (f) A statement setting forth the relief sought.

35 (5) Upon failure to comply with any final order of the department
36 or the department of agriculture, the attorney general, on request of
37 the department or the department of agriculture, may bring an action in

1 the superior court of the county where the violation occurred or the
2 potential violation is about to occur to obtain such relief as
3 necessary, including injunctive relief, to insure compliance with the
4 order. The air authorities may bring similar actions to enforce their
5 orders.

6 (6) An appealable decision or order shall be identified as such and
7 shall contain a conspicuous notice to the recipient that it may be
8 appealed only by filing an appeal with the hearings board and serving
9 it on the department or the department of agriculture within thirty
10 days of the date of receipt.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 41.** Section 17 of this act takes effect July 1,
12 2006.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 42.** The following acts or parts of acts are
14 each repealed:

15 (1) RCW 90.64.015 (Environmental excellence program agreements--
16 Effect on chapter) and 1997 c 381 s 29;

17 (2) RCW 90.64.017 (Registration of dairy producers--Information
18 required--Information to producers regarding chapter) and 1998 c 262 s
19 3;

20 (3) RCW 90.64.070 (Duties of conservation district) and 1998 c 262
21 s 13 & 1993 c 221 s 8;

22 (4) RCW 90.64.080 (Duties of conservation commission) and 1998 c
23 262 s 14 & 1993 c 221 s 9;

24 (5) RCW 90.64.130 (Data base) and 1998 c 262 s 9;

25 (6) RCW 90.64.140 (Technical assistance teams--Standards and
26 specifications for dairy nutrient management plans) and 1998 c 262 s
27 10;

28 (7) RCW 90.64.160 (Grants for dairy producers--Statement of
29 environmental benefits--Development of outcome-focused performance
30 measures) and 2001 c 227 s 4; and

31 (8) RCW 90.64.800 (Reports to the legislature) and 1998 c 262 s 17.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 43.** RCW 90.64.900 and 90.64.901 are decodified.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 44.** The following sections are codified or
34 recodified in the following order as a new chapter in Title 16 RCW:

1 (1) Intent and overview/authority
2 RCW 90.64.005
3 RCW 90.64.010
4 Section 1 of this act
5 RCW 90.64.050
6 RCW 90.64.110
7 RCW 90.64.020
8 (2) Permits
9 RCW 90.64.120
10 Section 18 of this act
11 Section 19 of this act
12 Section 20 of this act
13 Section 21 of this act
14 Section 22 of this act
15 Section 24 of this act
16 Section 23 of this act
17 Section 34 of this act
18 (3) Nutrient management plans
19 RCW 90.64.026
20 RCW 90.64.028
21 Section 14 of this act
22 Section 26 of this act
23 (4) Field inspection and compliance
24 Section 25 of this act
25 RCW 90.64.023
26 Section 27 of this act
27 RCW 90.64.030
28 Section 29 of this act
29 Section 33 of this act
30 Section 32 of this act
31 Section 30 of this act
32 RCW 90.64.040
33 Section 28 of this act
34 Section 31 of this act
35 Section 35 of this act
36 Section 36 of this act
37 RCW 90.64.100
38 (5) Miscellaneous

1 Section 15 of this act
2 Section 16 of this act
3 RCW 90.64.813
4 Section 17 of this act
5 RCW 90.64.150
6 Section 45 of this act

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 45.** If any provision of this act or its
8 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
9 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
10 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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