Module 13: Manure and Biosolids Regulation and Management

SELF-STUDY EXAMINATION—ROCKY MOUNTAIN CCA

DIRECTIONS

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QUESTIONS

1. Which of the following is a method for reducing runon to waste areas?
   [ ] a. Install a storage/treatment lagoon
   [ ] b. Build fences to prevent direct animal contact with water
   [ ] c. Construct a clean water interceptor with straw berms
   [ ] d. Use vegetated filter strips to capture runoff

2. Which of the following operations would require a MPDES permit?
   [ ] a. A large CAFO that has demonstrated to regulatory authorities no potential discharge to state waters
   [ ] b. An operation in which animals are confined for 30 days in a 12 month period
   [ ] c. A medium CAFO operation in which animals have direct contact with surface waters running through the confinement area
   [ ] d. A cattle operation in which forage is growing within the confinement area

3. If the P index is 19, manure application rates should be based on
   [ ] a. K
   [ ] b. N
   [ ] c. P
   [ ] d. Metal ceiling concentrations

4. A three-year study in Washington State found that yields from manure and biosolids applications were
   [ ] a. Higher than urea the first year and lower the second and third years
   [ ] b. Lower than urea the first year and higher the second and third years
   [ ] c. Similar to urea yields for all 3 years
   [ ] d. Lower than urea yields for all 3 years

5. Approximately how many tons of manure are there in a truckload with an estimated volume of 200 ft³?
   [ ] a. 3 tons
   [ ] b. 6 tons
   [ ] c. 9 tons
   [ ] d. 12 tons

6. To maximize the nutrient content of manure for plant uptake, it is recommended to
   [ ] a. Use big gun irrigation to apply the manure
   [ ] b. Store the manure for a long period of time
   [ ] c. Surface apply the manure without incorporation
   [ ] d. Incorporate the manure into the soil as soon as possible

7. CCNMP certifications are administered by the
   [ ] a. State DEQ
   [ ] b. NRCS
   [ ] c. EPA
   [ ] d. County

8. Requirements for Class A biosolids include
   [ ] a. Fecal coliform concentrations be reduced to less than 2 million/g-biosolids
   [ ] b. Fecal coliform concentrations be reduced to less than 1000/g-biosolids
   [ ] c. Public access is restricted for 30 days after biosolids application
   [ ] d. Food, feed, and fiber crops cannot be harvested for 30 days after biosolids application

9. For manure that contains 15 lb P₂O₅/wet ton, how much P is considered plant available by the NRCS?
   [ ] a. 3 lb P₂O₅/wet ton
   [ ] b. 7.5 lb P₂O₅/wet ton
   [ ] c. 12 lb P₂O₅/wet ton
   [ ] d. 15 lb P₂O₅/wet ton
10. To increase the decomposition rate of manure or biosolids in a composting system, it is recommended to
   [ ] a. Maintain a low C:N ratio
   [ ] b. Increase the C:N ratio by adding a bulking agent
   [ ] c. Keep moisture content above 80%
   [ ] d. Promote anaerobic decomposition

11. Vermicomposting refers to
   [ ] a. The use of bulking agents
   [ ] b. The use of windrows
   [ ] c. The use of earthworms
   [ ] d. The use of static piles

12. Which of the following organic materials provides the most P in lb/wet ton?
   [ ] a. Composted swine manure
   [ ] b. Swine manure
   [ ] c. Cattle manure
   [ ] d. Biosolids

13. Compared to non-composted organic materials, composted organic materials generally have
   [ ] a. Less nutrients immediately available
   [ ] b. More nutrients immediately available
   [ ] c. Similar amount of nutrients immediately available
   [ ] d. A very high fertilizer grade (nutrient analysis)

14. The risk factor for a CAFO operation less than 100 feet from a concentrated surface flow is
   [ ] a. Low
   [ ] b. Medium
   [ ] c. High
   [ ] d. Very high

15. Of the following, which is most likely to limit biosolids application rates in Montana and Wyoming?
   [ ] a. Metal concentrations
   [ ] b. Pathogens
   [ ] c. Nutrients
   [ ] d. Low P index values

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