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ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS ARE THEY EXEMPT FROM AIR RULES?

Animal feeding operations cause emissions of ammonia and hydrogen sulfide, which comes from the animal waste. Congress has called for ending the animal feed operation reporting requirement from reporting air emissions for what are considered "routine agricultural practices". EPA has recently posted guidance to its website.

The guidance indicates that farms do not need to report air emissions under CERCLA or EPCRA. The following link contains the guidance: [CERCLA EPCRA Q and A on Farm Act](#)

Previous language in the fiscal 2018 Budget Deal in senate Bill 2428 can be found here [Budget Deal Ends EPA Emissions Reporting](#)

The courts are also involved, and a mandate related to reporting may be issued shortly by the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. The Senate Bill exempts from reporting, both smaller and larger animal farming operations.

*We will keep you up to date on this in the **RT Review**.*

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