

Abattoir Waste Disposal

FOR: *Abattoir Operations*

A Brief Summary of the *Abattoir Waste and Carcass Disposal Guidelines*¹

Background:

A joint government/ industry committee, including the Departments of Health (DH), the Department of Environment and Local Government (DELG) and the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries (DAAF) developed guidelines for the disposal of waste from abattoirs and dead stock from farms. These were approved by government in June of 2014.

Key Points to Understand:

- Burial is not allowed, except for the very small abattoirs. Small abattoirs are defined as abattoirs disposing of only 20 cubic yards of waste on one acre/ year, on the same or adjacent PID as the abattoir is located on.
- Burial does not mean open pit disposal.
- If abattoir waste is moved to a non-adjacent or non-abutting PID, then CFIA permits are required to transport it.
- If burial on a non-adjacent or non-abutting site occurs, then CFIA permits² and operational requirements must be met. This includes the use of a liner for burial, or a soil with a high level of impermeability. It also requires daily covering of the burial site.
- Composting on site, which is the preferred method, may be done and must meet the current set-back guidelines (refer to guidelines page 7). Composting on a non-adjacent or non-abutting site requires CFIA permits and operational requirements.
- The end use of compost depends on several factors: if the compost contains SRM, then it cannot be used on agricultural land; if compost is non-SRM and used on the owner's land or if non-SRM compost is sold, then other permits apply. (refer to guidelines pages 5, 6 & 9)

Best Management Practice: Voluntary compliance is always the best option. If the Guidelines are not followed, then regulation and permits may be applied to the Industry as a whole, or to the individual abattoir.

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<http://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/10/pdf/Agriculture/AbattoirWasteCarcassDisposalGuidelines.pdf> You can also find this link on the Department's website.

² <https://www.inspection.gc.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/bse/srm/cattle-producers-veterinarians/permits/eng/1369328744776/1369328745776>