Attachment 1: FOTC Comments on Ecology's Voluntary Clean Water Guidance for Animal Agriculture.

CAFOs in South Yakima County that do not follow best management practices

Below are aerial pictures of two calf feeding facilities near Mabton, WA. There are no vegetative strips to absorb runoff from thousands of calf hutches. There is continuous traffic necessary to feed the calves and hopefully remove excrement in a timely manner. This means compacted surfaces with increased risk of runoff.

- What are the regulatory backups for voluntary recommendations? What can Ecology do when producers choose to ignore the recommendations?
- Does Ecology surveille facilities to determine how many follow the voluntary guidance?
- Are there monitoring wells downgradient from these operations to measure leaching to the aquifer?



Van Boven and Veldhuis Calf Feeding Operations



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