

Northwest Chicken Council (Bill Mattos)

The Northwest Chicken Council represents all of the broiler chicken companies and growers in Washington and Oregon; this includes growers, processors, producers and many allied members serving the industry. As one of the top 10 agricultural industries in the state, we definitely have some concerns about the upcoming permit and are confident that we can work to make the final product help our industry prosper in Washington.

These are our concise, but very important thoughts:

Broiler CAFOs do not generate liquid waste. Birds are housed indoors and manure is under covered roofs. Requiring groundwater monitoring only adds to the cost of production. An exclusion to this requirement should be made available to broiler operations.

Land application and soil sampling parameters should have exclusions available to sites that don't land apply manure.

Please let us know if you have questions and concerns. We are here to work with you on this process. And thank you.