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What additional questions do you have after attending/watching the Odor Management Rulemaking webinar?

This was a good webinar to provide some overview of the direction MPCA is taking. I think there are some good elements here. The 2D/T choice is conservative from the standpoint that it should pull in more organizations into a program. I think this is a good direction as other regions have felt 7D/T is "too high". Many also argue that once an issue is present, the magnitude becomes less important and frequency alone becomes most important.

With the FIDO approach, it has been more common to have a final letter for context of the odor or for receptors. Is there any provision or consideration for odors near susceptible receptors? For example, near schools, daycare, residences vs industrial areas, etc.? Something to consider. Would the action plan need more attention if this was odors near a school?

I think it will be very important that the steps after the limit is reached are well described. For example, the specific elements necessary in the OMP and whether sampling and odor testing will be required to properly document sources. Or if odor dispersion modeling would be required to document predictions for improvement options.

There was a comment in the webinar made about transportation sources. I think this is very important to consider. If trucks are hauling garbage, animal waste, compost, etc. on a routine basis, should this really not be considered is "temporary". If it is an integral part to their activities, it should likely be included. There are examples where garbage truck washing helped to mitigate odors to have trucks leaving a site with fewer odors.

What odors do you experience in your community? What odors concern you?
n/a

How has odor affected your life? How do you deal with odor issues right now?
n/a

What outcomes would you like to see from the Odor Management Rule?

While the regulatory "limit" is important, it will also be important to handle the next steps. What are requirements of facilities in short and long term as well as how is a timeline managed to see results in reasonable periods of time. Reasonable both for the facility and for the citizens.

I would like to see information that may be helpful for cities and counties to address land use and zoning and basic information or assistance to handle new development questions. I am aware of towns attempting to deal with grow facility odors as we saw counties trying to deal with CAFOs in the 2000s. There should be a sharing of knowledge to assist smaller municipal entities. This could help prevent more MPCA involvement later.

When does an odor become objectionable for you?

n/a