

## New CAFO Permit Info Sessions

In 2009, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will offer two new CAFO Permits for NYS: 1) the just released ECL SPDES General Permit for CAFOs (GP-0-09-001) (“ECL Permit”); and 2) the Clean Water Act SPDES General Permit expected to be released in the coming months (GP-0-09-002) (“CWA Permit”). “ECL” stands for “Environmental Conservation Law” and is a general reference to the body of NYS environmental laws that regulate many activities well beyond agriculture. The new ECL permit is available to download and read from the DEC website ([www.dec.ny.gov/permits/55368.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/55368.html)).

DEC is requiring all CAFO-sized farms in NYS to obtain coverage under either an ECL or CWA Permit by March 31, 2010, so it’s critical that farmers (both CAFO-sized farms and farms approaching CAFO-size, whether currently under a CAFO permit or not), planners, and other ag service reps become familiar with the new permit requirements.

To help the agricultural community understand obligations under the new permit, several agricultural groups have invited DEC to a series of meetings to explain the ECL Permit and field questions from farmers, planners, professional engineers, and other ag service providers.

The following New CAFO Permit Info Sessions are free of charge (no lunch) and CCA credits are pending. **No call-ahead or pre-registration required for the sessions. Just show up.**

Date & Time	Meeting Location	Local Receptionist for Directions Only
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July 14</u> 12:30-3:30 PM</p>	<p>Saratoga County Cornell Cooperative Extension’s 4-H Training Center, 556 Middle Line Road, Balston Spa, NY <a href="http://www.ccesaratoga.org/4_h/4h_training_center_main.htm">www.ccesaratoga.org/4_h/4h_training_center_main.htm</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(518) 885-8995</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July 15</u> 12:30-3:30 PM</p>	<p>Jefferson County Cornell Cooperative Extension Office, 203 North Hamilton Street, Watertown, NY <a href="http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/jefferson/locateus.html">http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/jefferson/locateus.html</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(315) 788-8450</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July 22</u> 12:30-3:30 PM</p>	<p>NYS Fairgrounds, Martha Eddy Room at the Art and Home Center (enter fairgrounds thru Gate 2), 581 State Fair Boulevard, Syracuse, NY <a href="http://www.nysfair.org/directions/driving.php">www.nysfair.org/directions/driving.php</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(518) 457-3738</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July 24</u> 12:30-3:30 PM</p>	<p>W.H. Miner Institute, 1034 Miner Farm Road, Chazy, NY <a href="http://www.whminer.com/contactinfo.html">www.whminer.com/contactinfo.html</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(518) 846-7121</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July 29</u> 12:30-3:30 PM</p>	<p>Genesee County Fairgrounds, Kennedy Building, Route 5, Batavia, NY <a href="http://www.gcfair.com">www.gcfair.com</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(585) 343-3040</p>

The New CAFO Permit Info Sessions have been arranged by several agricultural organizations, including New York Farm Bureau, the Northeast Dairy Producers Association (NEDPA), Cornell’s PRO-DAIRY, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and others.