



## Conservation Practice Overview

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### Waste Facility Closure (Code 360)

The decommissioning of a facility where agricultural waste has been treated or stored, and is no longer used for the intended purpose.

#### Practice Information

Waste impoundments (lagoons and storage ponds) for animal feeding operations often need renovation to restore design volumes and waste treatment function. If an animal feeding operation closes, the waste impoundment will also need to be properly closed or converted to a different use.



All activities involved with closure of a waste impoundment will be certified by a qualified credentialed professional. The renovation or closure of waste impoundments includes agitating and pumping the mixed contents of the waste impoundment on to the land as fertilizer with either irrigation equipment or liquid manure spreaders; dredging, stockpiling, draining, controlling seepage or runoff; and spreading the dried sludge material as fertilizer, preparing the impoundment site for the intended future use. Waste facility closure will require maintenance over the expected life of the practice.

#### Common Associated Practices

Conservation Practice Standard (CPS) Waste Facility Closure (Code 360) is commonly applied with CPSs such as Nutrient Management (Code 590), Waste Transfer (Code 634), Pumping Plant (Code 533), and Critical Area Planting (Code 342).

For further information, contact your local NRCS field office.