

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR
WASTE TRANSFER**

CODE 634

Name _____
Legal Desc. _____

Ident. No. _____
County _____

A properly operated and maintained waste transfer system is an asset to your farm. This system was designed and installed to transfer agricultural material associated with production, processing, and/or harvesting through a hopper or reception pit, a pump (if applicable), a conduit, and/or hauling equipment to a storage/treatment facility, a loading area, and/or agricultural land for final utilization as a resource.

The estimated life span of this installation is at least 15 years. The life of this installation can be assured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program.

This practice will require you to perform periodic operation and maintenance for satisfactory performance. Here are some recommendations to help you develop a good operation and maintenance program.

General Recommendations

- Maintain the conduits and equipment to prevent leakage or spillage to minimize flies and other insects during the transfer of material.
- Adequately agitate liquid or slurry material prior to transfer for the purpose of land application both on and off the farm.
- Flush pipelines used for transferring waste material with clean water after use to reduce the risk of gas build-up and pipeline explosion.

- Make provisions for removing solids during management operations from conveyance conduits such as concrete-lined ditches, etc.
- When hauling material from 1 geographical area to another, the producer or his/her designated representative will keep records that should include such items as follows:
 - The type, nutrient content, and amount of material transferred
 - The solids percentage of the material
 - The date of transfer
 - The name and address of the source and destination of the material
 - The condition of the material as left at the destination (spread, stockpiled, covered, etc.)

Specific Recommendations

If you need additional technical assistance to implement the operation and maintenance plan for this structure, contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) at your local USDA Service Center (listed in the telephone book under United States Government).