

4. Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) - Final Rule – 2008:

EPA promulgated revised regulations for CAFOs on February 12, 2003. The 2003 regulations expanded the number of operations covered by the CAFO regulations and included requirements to address the land application of manure from CAFOs. The rule became effective on April 14, 2003 and authorized NPDES states were required to modify their programs by February 2005 and develop state technical standards.

Revised regulations that address the Second Circuit court's 2005 decision in [*Waterkeeper Alliance et al. v. EPA*](#), 399 F.3d 486, were signed on October 31, 2008 and were published in the Federal Register on November 20, 2008. These regulations are effective on December 22, 2008. The 2008 final rule revises the 2003 regulations.

EPA CAFO Web site: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/afo/cafofinalrule.cfm>