



TEXAS STATE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

IMPORTANT 2007 CHANGES TO STATE LAWS AFFECTING TEXAS POULTRY PRODUCERS

House Bill 1457, 80th Session of the Texas Legislature

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Amended Section 26.303 (a) of the Texas Water Code

Removes cooking of poultry mortality for swine food as a method of poultry carcass disposal to be consistent with Section 165.026 of the Texas Agriculture Code, which prohibits feeding of restricted garbage (ie: poultry carcasses) to swine. It also prohibits storage of poultry carcasses on the site of a poultry facility for more than 72 hours unless the carcasses are refrigerated or frozen.

House Bill 1719, 80th Session of the Texas Legislature

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Amended Section 201.026 (g) of the Texas Agriculture Code

Removes the requirement to notify the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) of burial of animal carcasses if that burial is on land covered by a Water Quality Management Plan certified by TSSWCB that addresses site specific animal mortality burial. Poultry carcasses may only be buried in the event of a major die-off that exceeds 0.3% per day of the total farm inventory and the normal method of disposal must continue to be used.

If you have questions regarding these or other state laws related to poultry facilities, please contact a State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) office.

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