

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. R5-2010-____
ATTACHMENT A

**Groundwater Monitoring,
Monitoring Well Installation And Sampling Plan
And
Monitoring Well Installation Completion Report
For
Dairies With Manure Digester Or Co-Digester Facilities**

I. Groundwater Monitoring

The provisions of Attachment A are set out pursuant to the Executive Officer's authority under California Water Code Section 13267 to order Dischargers to implement monitoring and reporting programs. The purpose of groundwater monitoring required by these provisions is to confirm that management practices being employed for the digester, wastewater retention system, land application areas, and animal confinement areas, in light of the site conditions of a specific dairy manure digester or co-digester facility, are protective of groundwater quality and comply with Groundwater Limitation D.1 of the Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Dairies With Manure Digester Or Co-Digester Facilities (Order No. R5-2010-____).

As an alternative to installing monitoring wells on an individual basis as set out in Section II, Dischargers subject to Order No. R5-2010-____ may participate in a Representative Monitoring Program that meets the requirements set forth in Section III below. Dischargers choosing to participate in a Representative Monitoring Program must notify the Central Valley Water Board.¹ Notification to the Central Valley Water Board must include identification of the Representative Monitoring Program that the Discharger intends to join. Dischargers choosing NOT to participate in a Representative Monitoring Program or those failing to notify the Central Valley Water Board of their decision to participate in a Representative Monitoring Program, will continue to be subject to the groundwater monitoring requirements of Order No. R5-2010-____ and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R5-2010-____.

A Representative Monitoring Program is not a Discharger. Dairy manure digester or co-digester facility owners and operators are Dischargers and are responsible and liable for individual compliance and for determining if they are in compliance with the terms of Order No. R5-2010-____. As set forth in Section III below, an eligible Representative Monitoring Program will convey information related to a Discharger's participation in the Representative Monitoring Program, conduct representative monitoring pursuant to an approved monitoring plan, and prepare and submit any required plans and monitoring reports. However, member Dischargers will be responsible for failure on the part of the Representative Monitoring Program to comply with Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R5-2010-____.

¹ In lieu of individual discharger notifications to the Central Valley Water Board, a Representative Monitoring Program may provide to the Central Valley Water Board a list of participants that have signed up and met the initial requirements for participation in that Representative Monitoring Program.

If a Discharger participating in a Representative Monitoring Program wishes to terminate participation in the Program, the Discharger shall submit a Notice of Termination to the Executive Officer and the administrator of the Representative Monitoring Program. Administrators of a Representative Monitoring Program shall also notify the Executive Officer of a participant's failure to participate in their Representative Monitoring Program. A Representative Monitoring Program shall inform the Executive Officer of the participant's failure to participate within 45 days, which may result in the Executive Officer issuing a Notice of Termination to the Discharger stating that the Discharger is no longer able to participate in a Representative Monitoring Program as an alternative to individual groundwater monitoring. Termination from participation in a Representative Monitoring Program will occur on the date specified in the Notice of Termination, unless otherwise specified. Dischargers who voluntarily terminate their participation in a Representative Monitoring Program, receive a Notice of Termination from a Representative Monitoring Program, or receive a Notice of Termination from the Executive Officer, shall be individually subject to the groundwater monitoring requirements of Order No. R5-2010-____ and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R5-2010-____.

Pursuant to Section 13267, the Executive Officer may, at any time, order implementation of individual groundwater monitoring at a dairy manure digester or co-digester facility, even if the Discharger participates in a Representative Monitoring Program. Such order may occur, for instance, if violations of Order No. R5-2010-____ are documented and/or the facility is found to be in an area where site conditions and characteristics pose a high risk to groundwater quality. In the event the Executive Officer orders implementation of individual groundwater monitoring to a participant of a Representative Monitoring Program, such an order shall constitute a Notice of Termination to the participant and the Discharger shall no longer be eligible to participate in a Representative Monitoring Program to comply with the groundwater monitoring requirements of Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R5-2010-____.

II. Individual Requirements

1. The Discharger shall install sufficient monitoring wells to:
 - a. Characterize groundwater flow direction and gradient beneath the site;
 - b. Characterize natural background (unaffected by the Discharger or others) groundwater quality upgradient of the facility; and
 - c. Characterize groundwater quality downgradient of the corrals, downgradient of the digester, downgradient of the retention ponds, and downgradient of the land application areas.

2. It may be necessary to install more than one upgradient monitoring well (i.e., for the production area and the land application area). The Executive Officer may order more extensive monitoring based on site-specific conditions.
3. Prior to installation of monitoring wells, the Discharger shall submit to the Executive Officer a Monitoring Well Installation and Sampling Plan (MWISP) (see below) and schedule prepared by, or under the direct supervision of, and certified by, a California registered civil engineer or a California registered geologist with experience in hydrogeology. Installation of monitoring wells shall not begin until the Executive Officer notifies the Discharger in writing that the MWISP is acceptable.
4. All monitoring wells shall be constructed in a manner that maintains the integrity of the monitoring well borehole and prevents the well (including the annular space outside of the well casing) from acting as a conduit for pollutant/contaminant transport. Each monitoring well shall be appropriately designed and constructed to enable collection of representative samples of the first encountered groundwater.
5. The construction and destruction of monitoring wells and supply wells shall be in accordance with the standards under *Water Wells and Monitoring Wells* in the *California Well Standards Bulletin 74-90 (June 1991)* and *Bulletin 74-81 (December 1981)*, adopted by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). Should any county or local agency adopt more stringent standards than that adopted by the DWR, then these local standards shall supercede the Well Standard of DWR, and the Discharger shall comply with the more stringent standards. More stringent practices shall be implemented if needed to prevent the well from acting as a conduit for the vertical migration of waste constituents.
6. The horizontal and vertical position of each monitoring well shall be determined by a registered land surveyor or other qualified professional. The horizontal position of each monitoring well shall be measured with one-foot lateral accuracy using the North American Datum 1983 (NAD83 datum). The vertical elevations of each monitoring well shall be referenced to the North American Vertical Datum 1988 (NAVD88 datum) to an absolute accuracy of at least 0.5 feet and a relative accuracy between monitoring wells of 0.01 feet.
7. Within 45 days after completion of any monitoring well, the Discharger shall submit to the Executive Officer a Monitoring Well Installation Completion Report (MWICR) (see below) prepared by, or under the direct supervision of, and certified by, a California registered civil engineer or a California registered geologist with experience in hydrogeology.
8. The Discharger shall sample monitoring wells for the constituents and at the frequency as specified in Table 6 below. Groundwater monitoring shall include monitoring during periods of the expected highest and lowest water table levels.

Table 6. ADDITIONAL GROUNDWATER MONITORING
<p><i>Monitoring Wells</i></p> <p><u>Quarterly</u>¹: Measurement of the depth to groundwater from a surveyed reference point to the nearest 0.01 foot in each monitoring well.</p> <p><u>Semi-annually</u>: Field measurements of electrical conductivity, temperature, and pH. Laboratory analyses for nitrate and ammonia.</p> <p><u>Within six months of well construction and every two years thereafter</u>: Laboratory analyses for general minerals (calcium, magnesium, sodium, potassium, bicarbonate, carbonate, sulfate, and chloride).</p>

¹After two years of quarterly depth to groundwater measurements, the discharger may request reduction of frequency of depth to groundwater measurements to semi-annually upon demonstration there are no seasonal impacts to groundwater levels.

9. Groundwater samples from monitoring wells shall be collected as specified in the approved Monitoring Well Installation and Sampling Plan.
10. The Discharger shall submit to the Executive officer an annual assessment of the groundwater monitoring data due 1 July of each year. The annual assessment may be attached to the annual report required in Section C of Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R5-2010-____. The annual assessment shall include a tabulated summary of all analytical data collected to date including analytical lab reports for data collected during the past year. The assessment shall include an evaluation of the groundwater monitoring program's adequacy to assess compliance with the Order, including whether the data provided is representative of conditions upgradient and downgradient of the digester facility, wastewater management area, production area and land application area. The assessment shall also include an evaluation of the groundwater monitoring data collected to date with a description of the statistical or non-statistical methods used. The assessment must use methods approved by the Executive Officer. If the Discharger determines that the analytical methods required by this Monitoring and Reporting Program are insufficient to identify whether site activities are impacting groundwater quality, the annual assessment must address Item II.11 below and employ the needed analyses during future monitoring events.
11. If the monitoring parameters required by this Monitoring and Reporting Program are insufficient to identify whether site activities are impacting groundwater quality, the Discharger must employ all reasonable chemical analyses to differentiate the source

of the particular constituent. This includes, but is not limited to, analyses for a wider array of constituents and chemical isotopes.

12. Within six years of initiating sampling activities, the Discharger shall submit to the Executive Officer a summary report presenting a detailed assessment of the monitoring data to evaluate whether site activities associated with operation of the wastewater retention system, corrals, digester, or land application areas have impacted groundwater quality. This summary report can be required at an earlier date if evaluation by the Discharger or Central Valley Water Board Staff indicates that the assessment can be completed at an earlier date. This summary report shall also include detailed descriptions of management practices employed at the wastewater retention system, animal confinement areas, digester, and land application areas along with the design standards of the wastewater retention system. The summary report must include an adequate technical justification for the conclusions incorporating available data and reasonable interpretations of geologic and engineering principles to identify management practices protective of groundwater quality. The summary report is subject to approval by the Executive Officer. If monitoring data indicate that Groundwater Limitation D.1 of Order No. R5-2010-____ has been violated, this assessment shall include a description of changes in management practices and/or activities that will be undertaken to bring the facility into compliance. Annual reports required in Section C of Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R5-2010-____ submitted after this summary report must include a discussion on implementation of changes in management practices and/or activities that are being taken and an evaluation of progress in complying with Groundwater Limitation D.1 of Order No. R5-2010-____.
13. At any time during the term of this permit, the Central Valley Water Board may notify the Discharger to submit assessments of groundwater monitoring data (including the annual reports and the summary report) electronically. Data shall be submitted in a digital format acceptable to the Executive Officer.

III. Representative Monitoring Program Requirements

To establish a Representative Monitoring Program in lieu of individual groundwater monitoring, the Representative Monitoring Program must have Executive Officer approval of a submitted Monitoring and Reporting Workplan. The Monitoring and Reporting Workplan shall include sufficient information for the Executive Officer to evaluate the adequacy of the proposed groundwater monitoring program to serve as an alternative to the installation of individual groundwater monitoring wells at dairies. The Monitoring and Reporting Workplan must explain how data collected at facilities that are monitored will be used to assess impacts to groundwater at facilities that are not part of the Representative Monitoring Program's network of monitoring wells. This information is needed to demonstrate whether collected facility monitoring data will allow identification of practices that are protective of water quality at all facilities represented by the Representative Monitoring Program, including those for which on-site data are not collected. The

Monitoring and Reporting Workplan must additionally propose constituents the Representative Monitoring Program will monitor and the frequency of monitoring for each constituent identified. The Monitoring and Reporting Workplan must propose a list of constituents that is sufficient to identify whether activities at facilities being monitored are impacting groundwater quality. The list of constituents may necessarily be greater than the constituents required to be monitored at sites under individual orders (as listed in Table 6), as failure to determine whether groundwater has been impacted at a monitored facility will impair the ability to extrapolate findings to facilities where monitoring does not occur. At a minimum the baseline constituents shall include those required of individual groundwater monitoring systems.

1. Once the Monitoring and Reporting Workplan is approved, the Representative Monitoring Program shall begin the process of installing monitoring wells as prescribed in paragraphs 3-7 below.
2. Prior to installation of monitoring wells, the Representative Monitoring Program shall submit to the Executive Officer a Monitoring Well Installation and Sampling Plan (MWISP) (see below) and schedule prepared by, or under the direct supervision of, and certified by, a California registered civil engineer or a California registered geologist with experience in hydrogeology. Installation of monitoring wells shall not begin until the Executive Officer notifies the Representative Monitoring Program in writing that the MWISP is acceptable. The MWISP must be submitted within 60 days of Executive Officer approval of the Monitoring and Reporting Workplan.
3. All monitoring wells shall be constructed in a manner that maintains the integrity of the monitoring well borehole and prevents the well (including the annular space outside of the well casing) from acting as a conduit for pollutant/contaminant transport. Each monitoring well shall be appropriately designed and constructed to enable collection of representative samples of the first encountered groundwater.
4. The construction and destruction of monitoring wells and supply wells shall be in accordance with the standards under *Water Wells and Monitoring Wells* in the *California Well Standards Bulletin 74-90 (June 1991)* and *Bulletin 74-81 (December 1981)*, adopted by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). Should any county or local agency adopt more stringent standards than that adopted by the DWR, then these local standards shall supersede the Well Standard of DWR, and the Representative Monitoring Program shall comply with the more stringent standards. More stringent practices shall be implemented if needed to prevent the well from acting as a conduit for the vertical migration of waste constituents.
5. The horizontal and vertical position of each monitoring well shall be determined by a registered land surveyor or other qualified professional. The horizontal

position of each monitoring well shall be measured with one-foot lateral accuracy using the North American Datum 1983 (NAD83 datum). The vertical elevations of each monitoring well shall be referenced to the North American Vertical Datum 1988 (NAVD88 datum) to an absolute accuracy of at least 0.5 feet and a relative accuracy between monitoring wells of 0.01 feet.

6. Within 45 days after completion of any monitoring well network, the Representative Monitoring Program shall submit to the Executive Officer a Monitoring Well Installation Completion Report (MWICR) (see below) prepared by, or under the direct supervision of, and certified by, a California registered civil engineer or a California registered geologist with experience in hydrogeology. In cases where monitoring wells are completed in phases or completion of the network is delayed for any reason, monitoring well construction data are to be submitted within 180 days of well completion, even if this requires submittal of multiple reports.
7. Once the groundwater monitoring network is installed pursuant to an approved Monitoring and Reporting Workplan and paragraphs 3-6 above, the Representative Monitoring Program shall sample monitoring wells for the constituents and at the frequencies as specified in the approved Monitoring and Reporting Workplan. Groundwater monitoring shall include monitoring during periods of the expected highest and lowest water table levels. In cases where the monitoring wells are completed in phases or completion of the monitoring well network is delayed for any reason, collection and analysis of groundwater samples from each well is to commence within 180 days of completion of that well.
8. Groundwater samples from monitoring wells shall be collected as specified in an approved MWISP.
9. The Representative Monitoring Program shall submit to the Executive Officer an Annual Representative Monitoring Report (ARMR). The ARMР shall be due by 1 April of each year and shall include all data (including analytical reports) collected during the previous calendar year. The ARMР shall also contain a tabulated summary of data collected to date by the Representative Monitoring Program. The ARMР shall describe the monitoring activities conducted by the Representative Monitoring Program, and identify the number and location of installed monitoring wells and other types of monitoring devices. Within each ARMР, the Representative Monitoring Program shall evaluate the groundwater monitoring data to determine whether groundwater is being impacted by activities at facilities being monitored by the Representative Monitoring Program. The submittal shall include a description of the methods used in evaluating the groundwater monitoring data. Each ARMР shall include an evaluation of whether the representative monitoring program is on track to provide the data needed to complete the summary report (detailed in Item III.10 below). If the evaluation

concludes that information needed to complete the summary report may not be available by the required deadline, the ARMR shall include measures that will be taken to bring the program back on track.

The ARMR shall include an evaluation of data collected to date and an assessment of whether monitored dairies are implementing management practices that are protective of groundwater quality. If the management practices being implemented at a dairy being monitored are found to not be protective of groundwater quality, the Executive Officer may issue an order to the owner/operator of the monitored dairy to identify and implement management practices that are protective of groundwater quality prior to submittal of the report described in Item III.10 below.

10. No later than six (6) years following submittal of the first ARMR, the Representative Monitoring Program shall submit a Summary Representative Monitoring Report (SRMR) identifying management practices that are protective of groundwater quality for the range of conditions found at facilities covered by the Representative Monitoring Program. The identification of management practices for the range of conditions must be of sufficient specificity to allow participants covered by the Representative Monitoring Program and the Central Valley Water Board to identify which practices at monitored facilities are appropriate for facilities with a corresponding range of site conditions, and generally where such facilities may be located within the Central Valley (e.g., the summary report may need to include maps of the Central Valley that identify the types of management practices that should be implemented in certain areas based on specified site conditions). The summary report must include an adequate technical justification for the conclusions incorporating available data and reasonable interpretations of geologic and engineering principles to identify management practices protective of groundwater quality. The summary report is subject to approval by the Executive Officer.
11. Assessments of groundwater monitoring data (including the annual reports and the summary report) are to be submitted electronically. Data shall be submitted in an electronic format acceptable to the Executive Officer.
12. On July 1 following Executive Officer approval of the SRMR, each Discharger that is a participant covered by a Representative Monitoring Program shall include in their annual report required in Section C of Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R5-2010-____ a description of management practices currently being implemented at their digester, wastewater retention system(s), land application area(s), and animal confinement area(s). If these management practices are not confirmed to be protective of groundwater quality based on information contained in the SRMR, and therefore are not confirmed to be sufficient to ensure compliance of the facility with Groundwater Limitation D.1 of Order No. R5-2010-____, the Discharger's annual report shall identify which

alternative management practices the participant intends to implement at its dairy facility (based on the findings of the SRMR). Management practices deemed to be protective of groundwater quality are subject to approval by the Executive Officer. With each annual report submitted after the first report following Executive Officer approval of the SRMR, each participant shall include within his or her annual report an update with respect to implementation of the additional or alternative management practices being employed by the Discharger to protect groundwater quality.

13. Within three months of joining a Representative Monitoring Program, each Discharger that is a participant covered by a Representative Monitoring Program shall submit to the Central Valley Water Board a letter stating that they are voluntarily joining the Representative Monitoring Program, they are aware of the conditions and requirements to be a member of the Program, they intend to fully comply with the monitoring and reporting program and intent of the Program, and they are fully aware failure to comply with the Program may result in their removal from the Program and that they may be subject to enforcement by the Central Valley Water Board.

IV. Monitoring Well Installation and Sampling Plan (MWISP) (Applicable to both Individual and Representative Monitoring Program Requirements)

At a minimum, the MWISP must contain all of the information listed below.

1. General Information:
 - a. Topographic map showing any existing nearby (about 2,000 feet) domestic, irrigation, and municipal supply wells and monitoring wells known to the Discharger, utilities, surface water bodies, drainage courses and their tributaries/destinations, and other major physical and man-made features, as appropriate.
 - b. Site plan showing proposed well locations, other existing wells, unused and/or abandoned wells, major physical site structures (such as corrals, freestall barns, milking barns, feed storage areas, etc.), waste handling facilities (including solid separation basins, retention ponds, manure storage areas), digesters, irrigated cropland and pasture, and on-site surface water features.
 - c. Rationale for the number of proposed monitoring wells, their locations and depths, and identification of anticipated depth to groundwater. In the case of a Representative Monitoring Program, this information must include an explanation of how the location, number, and depths of wells proposed will result in the collection of data that can be used to assess groundwater at sites with a variety of conditions that have joined the Representative

Monitoring Program but are not being monitored as part of the monitoring network.

- d. Local permitting information (as required for drilling, well seals, boring/well abandonment).
 - e. Drilling details, including methods and types of equipment for drilling and logging activities. Equipment decontamination procedures (as appropriate) should be described.
 - f. Health and Safety Plan.
2. Proposed Drilling Details:
 - a. Drilling techniques.
 - b. Well logging method.
3. Proposed Monitoring Well Design—all proposed well construction information must be displayed on a construction diagram or schematic to accurately identify the following:
 - a. Well depth.
 - b. Borehole depth and diameter.
 - c. Well construction materials.
 - d. Casing material and diameter—include conductor casing, if appropriate.
 - e. Location and length of perforation interval, size of perforations, and rationale.
 - f. Location and thickness of filter pack, type and size of filter pack material, and rationale.
 - g. Location and thickness of bentonite seal.
 - h. Location, thickness, and type of annular seal.
 - i. Surface seal depth and material.
 - j. Type of well cap(s).
 - k. Type of well surface completion.

- I. Well protection devices (such as below-grade water-tight vaults, locking steel monument, bollards, etc.).
4. Proposed Monitoring Well Development:
 - a. Schedule for development (not less than 48 hours or more than 10 days after well completion).
 - b. Method of development.
 - c. Method of determining when development is complete.
 - d. Parameters to be monitored during development.
 - e. Method for storage and disposal of development water.
5. Proposed Surveying:
 - a. How horizontal and vertical position of each monitoring well will be determined.
 - b. The accuracy of horizontal and vertical measurements to be obtained.
 - c. The California licensed professional (licensed land surveyor or civil engineer) to perform the survey.
6. Proposed Groundwater Monitoring:
 - a. Schedule (at least 48 hours after well development).
 - b. Depth to groundwater measuring equipment (e.g., electric sounder or chalked tape capable of ± 0.01 -foot measurements).
 - c. Well purging method, equipment, and amount of purge water.
 - d. Sample collection (e.g., bottles and preservation methods), handling procedures, and holding times.
 - e. Quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) procedures (as appropriate).
 - f. Analytical procedures.
 - g. Equipment decontamination procedures (as appropriate).
7. Proposed Schedule:

- a. Fieldwork.
- b. Laboratory analyses.
- c. Report submittal.

V. Monitoring Well Installation Completion Report (MWICR)

At a minimum, the MWICR shall summarize the field activities as described below.

1. General Information:
 - a. Brief overview of field activities including well installation summary (such as number, depths), and description and resolution of difficulties encountered during field program.
 - b. Topographic map showing any existing nearby domestic, irrigation, and municipal supply wells and monitoring wells, utilities, surface water bodies, drainage courses and their tributaries/destinations, and other major physical and man-made features.
 - c. Site plan showing monitoring well locations, other existing wells, unused and/or abandoned wells, major physical site structures (such as corrals, freestall barns, milking barns, feed storage areas, etc.), waste handling facilities (including solid separation basins, retention ponds, manure storage areas), land application area(s), and on-site surface water features.
 - d. Period of field activities and milestone events (e.g., distinguish between dates of well installation, development, and sampling).
2. Monitoring Well Construction:
 - a. Number and depths of monitoring wells installed.
 - b. Monitoring well identification (i.e., numbers).
 - c. Date(s) of drilling and well installation.
 - d. Description of monitoring well locations including field-implemented changes (from proposed locations) due to physical obstacles or safety hazards.

- e. Description of drilling and construction, including equipment, methods, and difficulties encountered (such as hole collapse, lost circulation, need for fishing).
- f. Name of drilling company, driller, and logger (site geologist to be identified).
- g. As-builts for each monitoring well with the following details:
 - i. Well identification.
 - ii. Total borehole and well depth.
 - iii. Date of installation.
 - iv. Boring diameter.
 - v. Casing material and diameter (include conductor casing, if appropriate).
 - vi. Location and thickness of slotted casing, perforation size.
 - vii. Location, thickness, type, and size of filter pack.
 - viii. Location and thickness of bentonite seal.
 - ix. Location, thickness, and type of annular seal.
 - x. Depth of surface seal.
 - xi. Type of well cap.
 - xii. Type of surface completion.
 - xiii. Depth to water (note any rises in water level from initial measurement) and date of measurement.
 - xiv. Well protection device (such as below-grade water-tight vaults, stovepipe, bollards, etc).
- h. All depth to groundwater measurements during field program.
- i. Field notes from drilling and installation activities (e.g., all subcontractor dailies, as appropriate).

- j. Construction summary table of pertinent information such as date of installation, well depth, casing diameter, screen interval, bentonite seal interval, and well elevation.
3. Monitoring Well Development:
 - a. Date(s) and time of development.
 - b. Name of developer.
 - c. Method of development.
 - d. Methods used to identify completion of development.
 - e. Development log: volume of water purged and measurements of temperature, pH, and electrical conductivity during and after development.
 - f. Disposition of development water.
 - g. Field notes (such a bailing to dryness, recovery time, number of development cycles).
4. Monitoring Well Survey:
 - a. Identify coordinate system or reference points used.
 - b. Description of measuring points (e.g., ground surface, top of casing, etc.).
 - c. Horizontal and vertical coordinates of well casing with cap removed.
 - d. Name, license number, and signature of California licensed professional who conducted survey.
 - e. Surveyor's field notes.
 - f. Tabulated survey data.