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APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL FARM PFAS TESTING REIMBURSEMENT

PRODUCER MUST COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION BELOW AND PROVIDE COPIES OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

NAME OF PRODUCER: _____

NAME OF COMMERCIAL FARM: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

BUSINESS THAT PERFORMED SAMPLING (insert N/A if self-tested):

IF SELF-TESTED, DID YOU FOLLOW DEP'S WATER SAMPLING GUIDANCE: YES NO

LABORATORY USED: _____

NAME OF DACF STAFF PERSON FAMILIAR WITH FARM: _____

REASON FOR CONDUCTING PFAS TESTING (i.e., history of sludge application at farm)?

REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$ _____

INFORMATION THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION

1. Test results from a laboratory certified by the State of Maine to perform PFAS analysis (list of certified labs available here: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/dwp/cet/documents/PFASlabs.pdf>). NOTE: water sampling must be affiliated with water sources for farm usage.
2. Supporting documentation of the testing expenses, including:
 - a. Copies of receipts;
 - b. Itemized invoices; and
 - c. Proof of payment.
3. A completed State of Maine Vendor Authorization Form, available here: https://www.maine.gov/osc/sites/maine.gov.osc/files/inline-files/vendor_ME_W9v5.pdf



I certify, under penalty of law, that the information given in this application is correct and completed to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE : _____ DATE: _____

Send completed application and all required materials to: Michelle.Mason-Webber@maine.gov or

Michelle Mason Webber
Bureau of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources
28 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0028

Sampling Reimbursement Conditions

1. Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) records indicated a historical record of sludge or septage spreading at the farm; or
2. The farm received feed or other inputs that, from DEP records, indicate are from a farm that has a history of sludge or septage spreading; or
3. The farm is located near¹ a location where DEP records indicate sludge or septage was spread; and
4. Lab results from a Maine-accredited and DEP-approved laboratory indicate PFAS contamination for:
 - a. Soil (at or above existing PFOS crop specific soil screening [levels](#));
 - b. Water (at or above Maine’s current Interim Drinking Water standard of 20 parts per trillion (ppt) for the sum of 6 PFAS); or
 - c. Milk (Maine’s Action Threshold is currently 210 ppt PFOS); or
 - d. Beef (Maine’s Action Threshold is currently 3.4 parts per billion (ppb) PFOS)); or
 - e. Feed, vegetable, or other livestock products that have elevated levels of PFAS, in conjunction with a or b above.
5. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) reserves the right to review the invoices of third-party sampling contractors (if utilized) to assess billing rates and total charges and determine whether acceptable.
6. The laboratory reimbursement amount is generally capped at a cost equal to DACF’s standard rate from its contracted companies (e.g. \$200-\$450 per lab sample).

¹ “Located near” may include but not be limited to an adjacent or abutting parcel, or where the farm is downgradient from the location where historic sludge or septage spreading was permitted, or where DEP advises hydrogeological attributes may indicate the potential for contaminated groundwater to impact the non-spread farm.