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Your ref: 71451
Date: 10 April 2025

Dear Jennie,

Installation Of A Slurry Lagoon

Sheep Hey Farm House, Leaches Road, Shuttleworth, Ramsbottom, Bury, BL0 0ND

Thank you for consulting us on the above application, on 1 April 2025.

Environment Agency Position

We have no objection in principle to the proposed development but take this opportunity to provide the following comments.

Slurry storage

If your livestock produces slurry, you must be able to store the slurry produced in accordance with the Regulations on capacity, construction, and the associated calculations and records.

Depending on the relevant regulations, slurry stores **MUST** have the capacity to store 4, 5 or 6 months slurry and:

- rainfall expected to enter the store during the storage period including yards and roofs; and
- any wash water or other liquids that enter the store during that period.

If you have poultry manure or other types of solid manure **YOU MUST** store them:

- in a vessel;
- on an impermeable base, with appropriate collection and containment of runoff;
- in a roofed building; or
- in an appropriately located temporary field heap.

If you build a new facility for storing organic manure (ie slurry stores or impermeable bases for solid manure) and/or if you substantially reconstruct or enlarge your existing facilities, **YOU MUST**:

- comply with standards set down in the SSAFO Regulations, and
- **notify the Environment Agency** in writing about your intention to build a new store, or substantially enlarge or reconstruct an existing store at least 14 days

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before you start construction or reconstruction works.

Further guidance is available at

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/storing-silage-slurry-and-agricultural-fuel-oil#silage>
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/storing-organic-manures-in-nitrate-vulnerable-zones#constructing-or-enlarging-your-storage-facilities>
- [Protecting our water, soil and air: A code of Good Agricultural Practice for farmers, growers and land managers](#)

If you need any help or would like to talk to someone about your proposals, please contact your farming consultant, or your local Environment Agency officer if you know them, or the Environment Agency by email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk, or by telephone: 03708 506 506.

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Should you have any queries regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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