



March 27, 2025

Re: Disposal of Poultry Carcasses Resulting from Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) viruses

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter provides New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) regulatory guidance on the management and disposal of agricultural poultry carcasses that die from potential HPAI infection or that are culled to prevent the spread of the viruses. In accordance with DEC regulations at 6 NYCRR Subpart 365-3, the carcasses of agricultural poultry that die or that are culled to prevent the spread of the HPAI disease are classified as “other infectious waste.”

With the proper packaging, labelling, and transportation by a Part 364 authorized waste transporter, agricultural poultry carcasses can be disposed of in Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) landfills or at Municipal Waste Combustion (MWC) facilities. A MSW landfill or MWC facility that intends to accept this waste must notify the regional DEC office prior to accepting the waste.

When agricultural poultry carcasses are being placed in a landfill, USDA recommends that trenches be prepared prior to delivery of wastes and that the trenches be covered immediately after waste placement. USDA also recommends that landfill staff follow U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines on PPE and establish cleaning and disinfection procedures. When being managed at an MWC, it is recommended that the boxes or drums of waste be direct charged to the combustor hopper.

Additional information can be found on the DEC website at <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/waste-management/solid-waste-management-facilities>. Please contact me at (518) 402-8678 or email swmfprogram@dec.ny.gov if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jaime Lang".

Jaime Lang, P.E.
Director
Bureau of Solid Waste Management