A CAFO covered under a general permit must notify the TDEC when the CAFO is no longer in operation. The TDEC retains the right to deny termination of coverage until receipt of the necessary notice and information from the permittee. The written notice of termination should include the following information:

1. Site information: name, mailing address and location of the site for which the notice is submitted;
2. Operator information: the name, address and telephone number of the operator addressed by the notice;
3. Permit number: the NPDES permit tracking number for the site; and
4. Reason for termination.

For a Permit Termination template form, please refer to Appendix C of the TN CAFO Factsheet series.

CAFO operators should remember that a closure/rehabilitation plan for the waste system was submitted as part of the original permitting process. That closure plan should have met NRCS standards and addressed the maintenance of the facility until proper closure is completed within 360 days. The TDEC may not consider the CAFO closed or terminate the permit until the closure plan has been implemented.

All written notices of termination should be submitted to:

CAFO Notice of Termination
Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
Division of Water Pollution Control
6th Floor L&C Annex, 401 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37243-1534