Eastern Shore Poultry Farm Activity Update

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Eastern Shore Poultry Activity

• Poultry Farms by the Numbers
  – 88 total poultry farms with active CAFO Permits
    • 86 in Accomack County
    • 2 in Northampton County
  – Farms range in size from 2 - 12 houses (Accomack ordinance limits to 12 houses to a parcel).
  – Number of birds in one flock (incl. all houses) ranges from 20,000 to > 500,000
Eastern Shore Overview
Existing Groundwater Permittees and Poultry Farms with VPA Permits
Where is the water coming from?

Sanford, Pope, and Nelm, 2009.
Groundwater Withdrawal Permitting

- Not all poultry farms will require a permit (need to use 300,000 gallons in any month)
- Consent Special Orders issued to 57 existing farms that may require permits.
  - Implements withdrawal limits, metering and reporting requirements, DEQ well construction standards.
  - Authorizes the withdrawal until a permit decision can be made.
  - Applications have been received for all facilities with CSO’s.
- Proposed/New farms must apply and receive a groundwater withdrawal permit before exceeding 300,000 gallons in any month.
What comes next?

- Technical Evaluation
- Public Involvement
- Permit Decision
- Post Issuance
  - Reporting requirements
  - Data Collection
Questions?

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