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To: Dee F. Bruemmer, County Administrator

From: Timothy Huey, Planning Director

Date: January 8, 2010

**Re: Annual Re-Adoption of Master Matrix for review of Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO)**

Seven years ago the Board of Supervisors first adopted the Master Matrix to allow County participation and input in the application process for new or expanded animal confinement feed operations in Scott County. The IDNR rules require that a county annually adopt a construction evaluation in the month of January and file it with the State in order to continue participation. In order to be able to evaluate proposed sites for large confinement facilities counties must adopt these rules by resolution and notify the DNR by Jan. 31, 2010. This was the seventh year for supervisors to evaluate proposed permits and the Board did not review any applications this past year. Previously there was one application in 2008 and 2007 but there were two applications for expanded CAFOs in Scott County in both 2006 and 2005 that were reviewed using the Master Matrix. Scott County also received two other applications in 2005 for expansions that were not large enough to trigger review under the Master Matrix criteria.

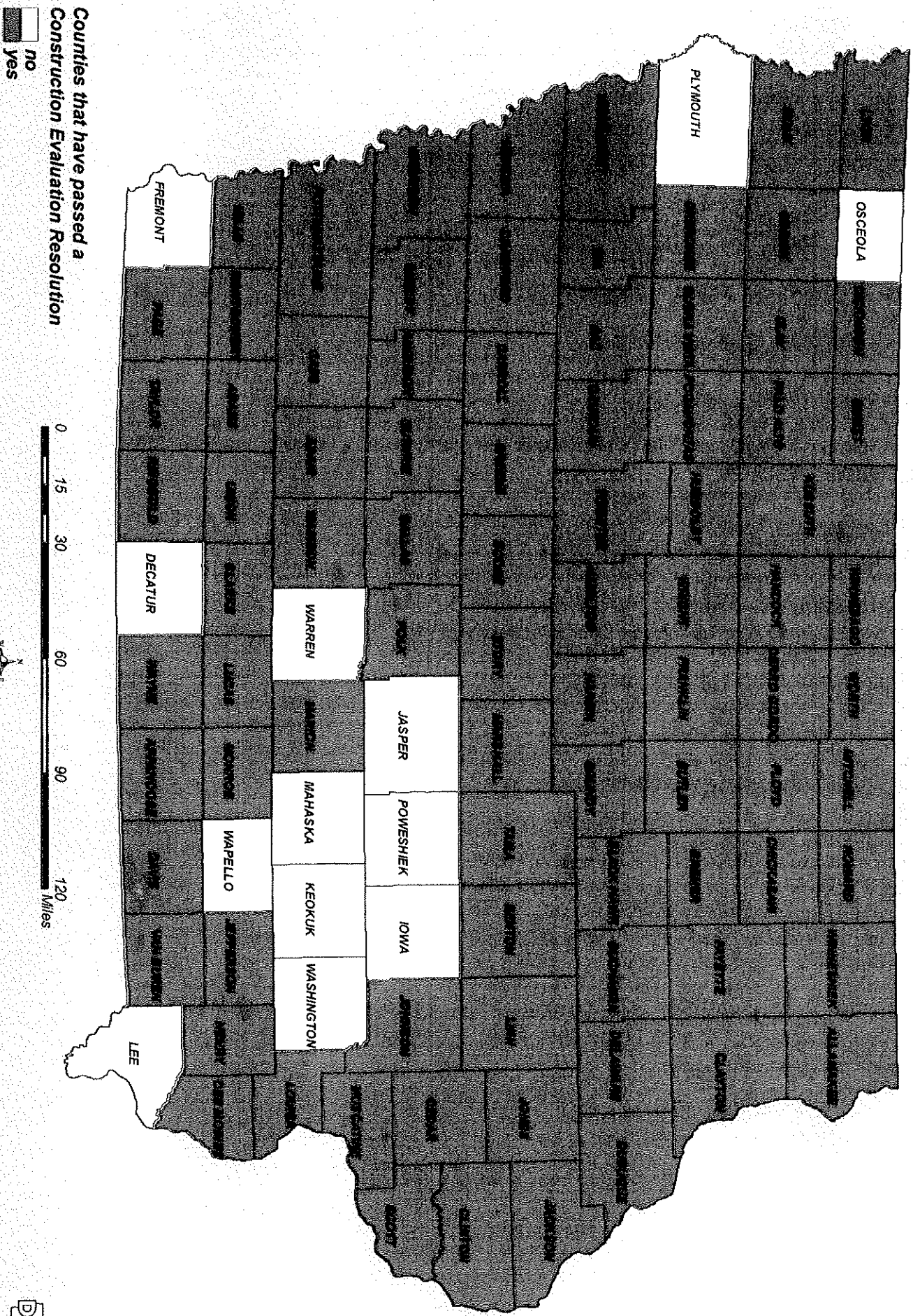
New or expanded confined animal feeding operations in counties that file the resolutions must meet higher standards than other permitted sites. They must earn points on the master matrix by choosing a site and using practices that reduce impacts on the environment and the community. Participating counties must evaluate and make a recommendation on all construction permit applications submitted to the DNR or they forfeit the right to evaluate sites until the next sign-up period.

Attached is a map from the IDNR showing all the counties in Iowa that adopted a resolution last year. The Iowa DNR website <http://www.iowadnr.com/afo/matrix.html> also has detailed information on the Master Matrix.

There have been no changes to the requirements of the Master Matrix since the original adoption seven years ago.

# Status of Construction Evaluation Resolutions by County

## November 1, 2009



## RESOLUTION

### SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 21, 2010

#### APPROVAL OF THE ADOPTION OF A CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION

#### RESOLUTION AS PROVIDED BY IOWA CODE CHAPTER 459

BE IT RESOLVED by the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

- Section 1. Iowa Code section 459.304(3) (2007) sets out the procedure for a county board of supervisors to adopt a "construction evaluation resolution" relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure.
- Section 2. Only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) a recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application for a confinement feeding operation structure.
- Section 3. Only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted a recommendation will be notified by the DNR of the DNR's decision on the permit application.
- Section 4. Only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted a recommendation may appeal the DNR's decision regarding a specific application
- Section 5. By adopting a construction evaluation resolution the Board of Supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2010 and January 31, 2011 and submit a recommendation regarding that application to the DNR
- Section 6. By adopting a construction evaluation resolution the Board of Supervisors shall conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix as provided in Iowa Code Section 459.305. However, the board's recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or on other reasons as determined by the board of supervisors.
- Section 7. The Scott County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this Construction Evaluation Resolution in accordance with Iowa Code section 459.304(3) and designates the Scott County Planning and Development Department to receive such applications on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.
- Section 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

