

Sent: Monday, August 02, 2004 3:30 PM
Subject: MANURE RUNOFF GROWING MIDWEST WATER THREAT

Dear Aquathin Dealer OnLine;

I just have to write this out numerically because the quick read below really does not do it justice:

*22,600 head of dairy cattle producing **2,800,000 pounds of manure daily...into lagoons...sometimes overflows.***

Farm runoff is the #1 source of water pollution as detailed in previous NewsBulletins' we've sent...and you've heard me say time and again, "everyone lives downstream from someone else". You are also aware that it takes only a few fecal coliform bacteria to kill. But hey, there are two blessings here...

(A) thankfully we are not milking elephants !

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Farm runoff growing as Midwest water threat

AKRON, OH — Manure runoff from northwest Ohio's large dairies is entering the state's waterways and could threaten water supplies, the [Akron Beacon Journal](#) (registration required) reported.

According to the paper, an unannounced March inspection of 10 dairies found problems at nearly all of them, said Arnie Lieder, enforcement officer for the US Environmental Protection Agency.

Lieder cites maintenance problems with manure storage pits and "failure to contain contaminated runoff and unauthorized discharges," the article stated.

The 22,600 cows at northwest Ohio's 22 new dairies produce about 2.8 million pounds of manure daily. And more cows are on the way as new farms are built and others expand, the article stated.

Manure at the farms is hosed out of the cows' stalls and piped outdoors into lagoons where it is pumped into trucks and taken to fields and spread as fertilizer, the article explained. Manure sometimes overflows from storage lagoons, and once it's spread on fields it occasionally reaches waterways that lead to lakes and rivers, the paper reported.

State Rep. John White, a Dayton Republican, tried to propose a bill in May 2003 requiring the Ohio EPA to study the impact of the megafarms, *Akron Beacon Journal* stated.

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