

MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

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Type of disposal to be used by the grower in the event of mortality of poultry that exceeds the capacity of the composter or incinerator that has been approved for routine mortality. Types of disposal include:

- a. Burial
- b. In-house composting
- c. Outdoor Composting
- d. In special circumstance the State Veterinarian may approve use of a land fill, or other off-site disposal options.

Inspection and location of disposal site shall be conducted by NRCS, in coordination with the Board of Animal Health using criteria needed to evaluate an appropriate site for burial or composting. Such site will be identified with GPS Coordinates.

Such plan shall be sent to the Board of Animal Health for final approval, and remain in force until there is a change on the farm, to include, but not be limited to, an increase in size or change in ownership, in which case a new plan must be filed. These plans must have the approval of the landowner if that person is not the poultry grower.

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