

Prioritizing Inspections

Which sites should I inspect?

- Consult your work plan
- NPDES sites/Individual Permit
- Complaints
- Facility construction
- Sensitive areas (i.e. Karst, riparian)
- Land Application
- Enforcement related inspections

What should I review prior to the inspection?

- E-Link or Delta
 - Facility description, animal units, site contact
- Facility File
 - Permit and Permit application
- Previous Inspection checklists and correspondence
- Previous enforcement documents
- Review site sketch aerial photographs

What do I bring along to an inspection

- Depending on the type of inspection that will be conducted the following list may be modified
 - Camera (35mm) with film
 - Digital Camera (date printed)
 - Facility File, Facility Description (from Delta)
 - Maps (i.e. road maps, Plat book, Aerial Photos, USGS Topographic and USDA Soil Survey Maps)
 - A Watch

What do I bring along to an inspection (cont)

- Sample collection bottles (sample guide)
- Chain of Custody Form
- Cooler, Ice
- Field Monitoring equipment (i.e. DO meter, Jerome meter)

Contacting the Producer ahead of time

- Generally a call is placed into the producer when planning a routing compliance inspection.
 - Bio-security issues
 - Appropriate responsible party available
- If contact is not made or producer is not responding
 - Send a letter
 - Document in the letter the attempts to contact producer
 - Clearly state the time/date of when the intended inspection will occur

Contacting the Producer ahead of time (cont)

- Complaint Inspection
 - No contact is made prior to inspection

Property Access

Denied Access?

- Remain calm,
- explain authority
- Restate purpose of inspection
- Have AG representative talk to facility attorney or representative
- Leave, call AG, obtain warrant

Administrative Search Warrants

- Get it before if...
 - know or suspect refusal of entry
 - potential for evidence to be destroyed
 - safety reasons
 - other

Safety First

- Leave Facility if...
 - you feel threatened
 - conditions look unsafe
 - facility representative exhibits strange or violent behavior