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**CHAPTER 80-3-20
DISPOSAL OF DEAD POULTRY**

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The premises of each person growing poultry for himself or others for commercial purposes which shall include turkeys, commercial eggs, hatching eggs and broilers shall be equipped with an approved disposal pit for the adequate disposal of dead poultry carcasses. A disposal pit of the type, size, dimensions and design as set forth on the drawing attached to these rules is hereby approved by the State Board of Agriculture and Industries for the disposal of dead poultry carcasses as required hereunder. After July 1, 1996, no new pits may be constructed and incinerators and composters are hereby approved for the disposal of dead poultry carcasses as required hereunder and their use as soon as possible is encouraged and recommended. However, approved disposal pits in use prior to July 1, 1996, may be continued in use until July 1, 2000 and until that time shall continue to be subject to these rules including but not limited to Rules 80-3-20-.01; .02; .03; .04; and .05. Any other recommended methods and equipment for the disposal of dead poultry carcasses as may be approved by the State Veterinarian may be used by poultry growers in compliance with these rules provided such grower obtains written approval for such use from the State Veterinarian.

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80-3-20-.02 Requirements For The Disposal Of Dead Poultry Carcasses.

All dead poultry carcasses where death results from other than slaughter must be disposed of by approved methods of disposal as provided in Rule 80-3-20-.01.

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80-3-20-.03 Premises To Be Quarantined If Proper Disposal Not Used.

Any premises not equipped with disposal facilities as required by these rules or where it is found that such required facilities are not being properly used shall be quarantined by the issuance of a quarantine order in the same manner as now authorized by law for the quarantine of livestock for the purpose of preventing the spread of livestock diseases and following the issuance of any such quarantine order no poultry, eggs or other poultry products shall be moved from the quarantined premises unless and until approval for such removal is obtained from the Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries, the State Veterinarian or their authorized agents or employees following a finding and determination that such premises are equipped with disposal facilities as required hereunder and that such facilities are being effectively used for the disposal of dead poultry carcasses.

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80-3-20-.04 Use Of Incinerators.

Any incinerator incorporating the use of a fire brick lining, grates, burners, timers and fans capable of reducing dead poultry to a white ash is both an acceptable and desirable method for the disposal of dead poultry. Incinerators used for dead poultry disposal must meet air quality criteria established by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management for such units and each individual unit used must be registered with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management Aid Division in Montgomery.

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80-3-20-.05 Construction Of Proper Disposal Pit.

(1) A disposal pit meeting the standards and use provisions required in Rule 80-3-20-.01 shall be constructed as hereinafter provided prior to July 1, 1996. Such pit shall be constructed so as to substantially conform to the diagram set out below, marked Exhibit "1," incorporated herein, and made a part hereof.

DISPOSAL PITS

Locate the pit conveniently to poultry houses. For a large poultryman, it might be best to build two smaller pits rather than one large one. This would allow closer placement of pits to different houses. Locate the pit on ground with surface drainage away from the pit and at least 200 feet away from a water supply. If there is a chance of contaminating your local water supply, use an incinerator. Details of pit construction and size are attached.

In some soils, pit will need walls to prevent the sides from caving in and this can be constructed with cheap lumber. If heavy clay soils where a support wall is not necessary, slope the sides, making the pits a little wider at the top than it is at the bottom.

It is important that the cover fits tightly on the pit opening that is made from tile or an old milk can. Also cover the pit with at least 12 inches of dirt, and slope the dirt with drainage away from the center. The above precautions will prevent odors and drain water away from the pit.

Be sure that the pit is six feet deep or deeper to ensure decay in the winter. The addition of decomposing agents in the pit is not necessary. If the pit fills up, remove the top and use it on a new pit. Fill the old pit with dirt.

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80-3-20-.06 Use of Composting.

Composting facilities shall be constructed according to recommendations published by Agricultural Engineering, Cooperative

Extension Service, Auburn, University. Composting shall be practically odorless and managed so that pathogenic bacteria are destroyed (150 degrees F.). Carcasses must be totally reduced. Composter must be operated in a manner that prohibits insects and predators. Composting may be used as a second-stage cycle for a dehydrated product, following approved guidelines.

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