**FORM AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Click here to enter Name of County.

I,Click here to enter name. , have personal knowledge and hereby offer the following facts:

Due to Click here to enter type of event – hurricane, tornado, extreme fire events.in Click here to enter name of county. County on or about the Click here to enter numeric day. day of Click here to enter Month. Click here to enter Year., a disposal of Click here to enter number and type; example approximately 100 beef cattle. carcasses was performed on my property, being in the Click here to enter legal description – 10 acres, Lot: 18, Block 15, Oakwood Place Subdivision, Comal County, Texas..

The disposal site is a trench or pit approximately Click here to enter depth or depth range. feet deep with stable slopes, Click here to enter width in feet feet wide, andClick here to enter lenth in feet.feet long, and located at:

Click here to enter specific description of the burial site (see example)

(Include specific description of burial site such as: 500 feet north and 2000 feet west of SE corner of Section 55 or list G.P.S. coordinates).

In addition, the burial occurred at least 300 feet from the nearest drinking water well, creek, stream, pond, lake or river and at a sufficient distance from standing, flowing, or ground water to prevent its contamination, not likely to be disturbed in the near future, not in a flood plain, and 200 feet from adjacent property lines. All dead animals were covered the same day of burial with a minimum of 2 feet of cover.

SIGNED this day of , 20\_\_\_.

Signed, (*Print name )*

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF

Sworn to and subscribed to before me on the day of , 20\_\_ by

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SEAL Notary Public, State of Texas

**Additional Information:**

This document was adapted from the TCEQ’s Form Affidavit found at: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/response/drought/carcass-disposal-rqt-form.pdf>

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has environmental rules requiring deed recordation

Whenever animal carcasses are buried, state environmental rules require that the event be recorded in the property deed. This process, called deed recordation, is done at the county courthouse.

**Deed recordation is not required before you bury the animals**

Bury the animals and take care of the other pressing concerns with your family and your property. You may take care of deed recordation after the emergency conditions are over.

**Having your completed Form Affidavit helps**

The Form Affidavit includes the information about the burial site that is required when the deed recordation is carried out.

**Deed recordation is not always required**

You do not have to complete deed recordation in these instances:

* If the property where the carcasses were buried has a certified water quality management plan (WQMP) from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the burial site is identified
* In some disaster situations, TCEQ may waive the deed recordation requirements. Often this is limited to a small number of carcasses.

Additional Resources:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, “Disposal of Livestock Carcasses”, RG-419, February 2016. <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/publications/rg/rg-419.html>

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, “How to Dispose of Carcasses from Poultry Operations”, RG-326, August 2009. <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/publications/rg/rg-326.html>