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**Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection**

Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG)  
Livestock Air Monitoring  
& Odor Project  
*in cooperation with*



# Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) Livestock Air Monitoring & Odor Project

## Project Overview:

- \$1.6 Million effort (USDA/DNR/DATCP) over a 3-year period
- Demonstration of current control technologies, NOT basic research
- Focused on Ammonia, Hydrogen Sulfide, and Odors from CAFOs, primarily manure storage lagoons

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## Study Participants:

- A request went out State-wide for farmers willing to participate in the study
- Six farms were selected by a Steering Committee
- Criteria included type of operation and a favorable layout for air monitoring

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## Practices Studied:

- Permeable (geotextile) lagoon cover
- Impermeable (HDPE) lagoon cover
- Anaerobic Digester
- Solids Separation / Aeration

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## Project Objectives:

- Evaluate the ATCP 51 Odor Standard compared to measured ambient odors on operating farms
- Install control practices to reduce ambient air NH<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>S concentrations, and odors
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the control practices

# Permeable Lagoon Cover – Case Study # 3



# Nasal Ranger™

## Field Olfactometer



“ODOR SCHOOL”®



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Odor Inspector

Odorous Emissions Evaluation Field Certification  
For Measuring Ambient Odors

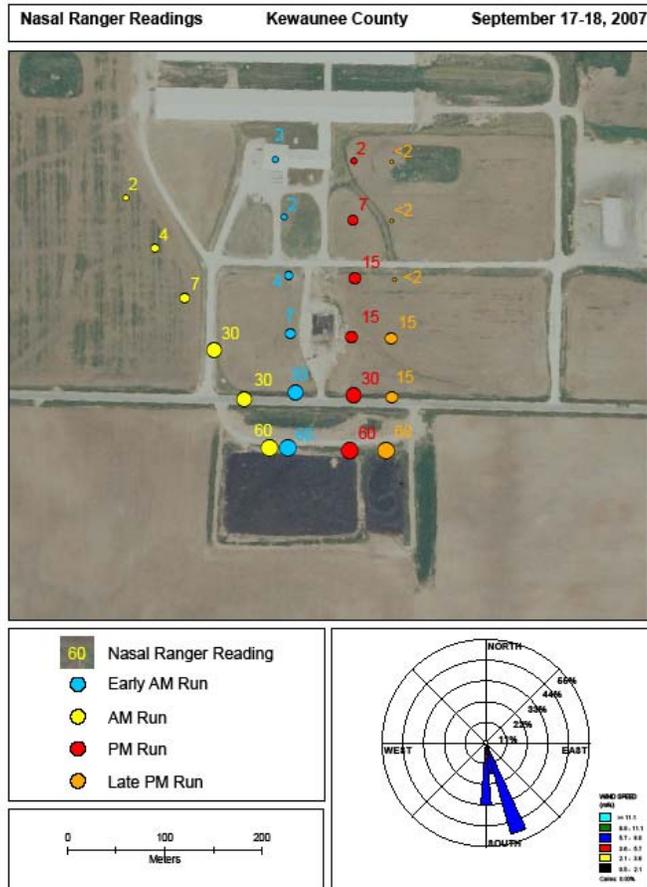
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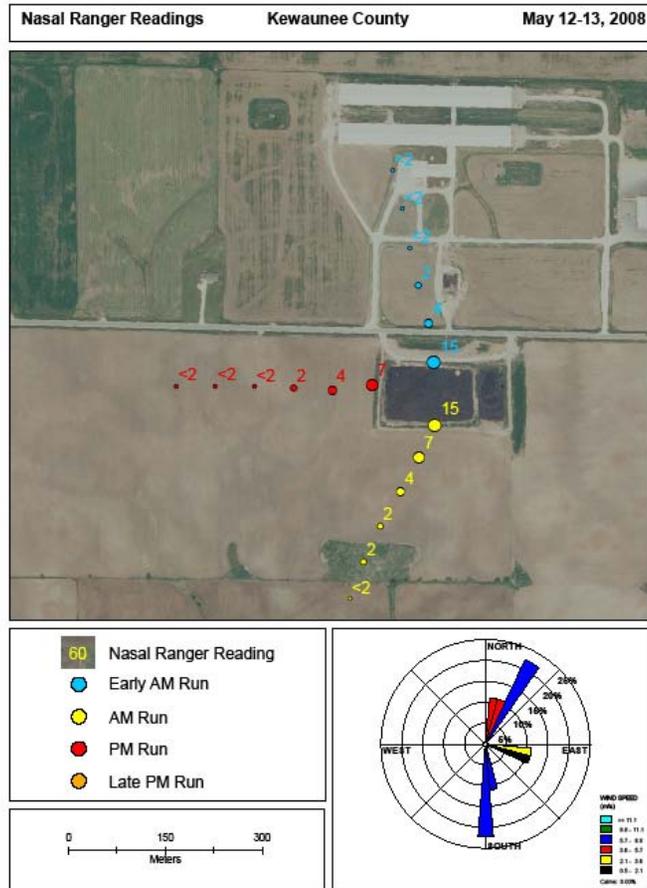
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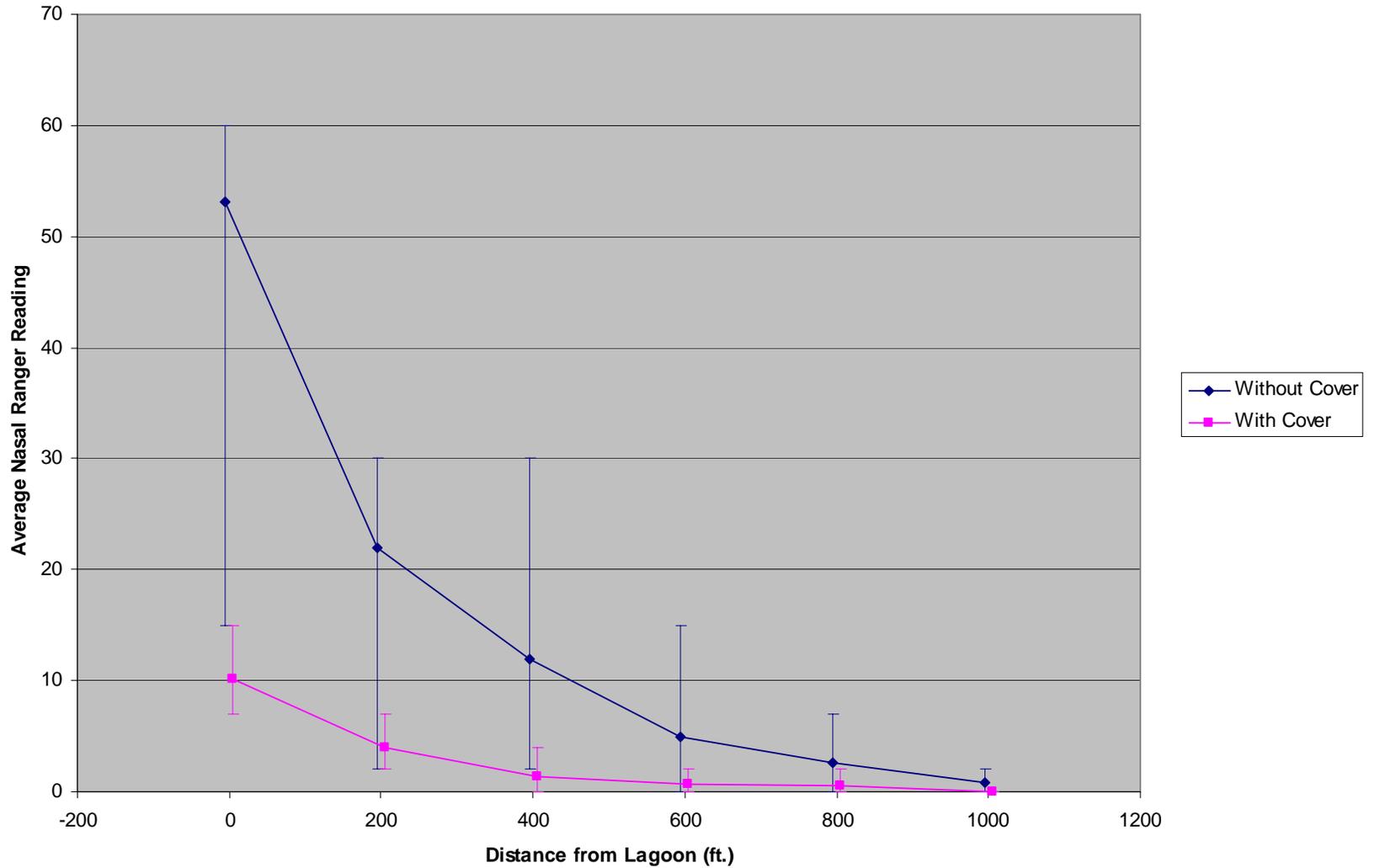
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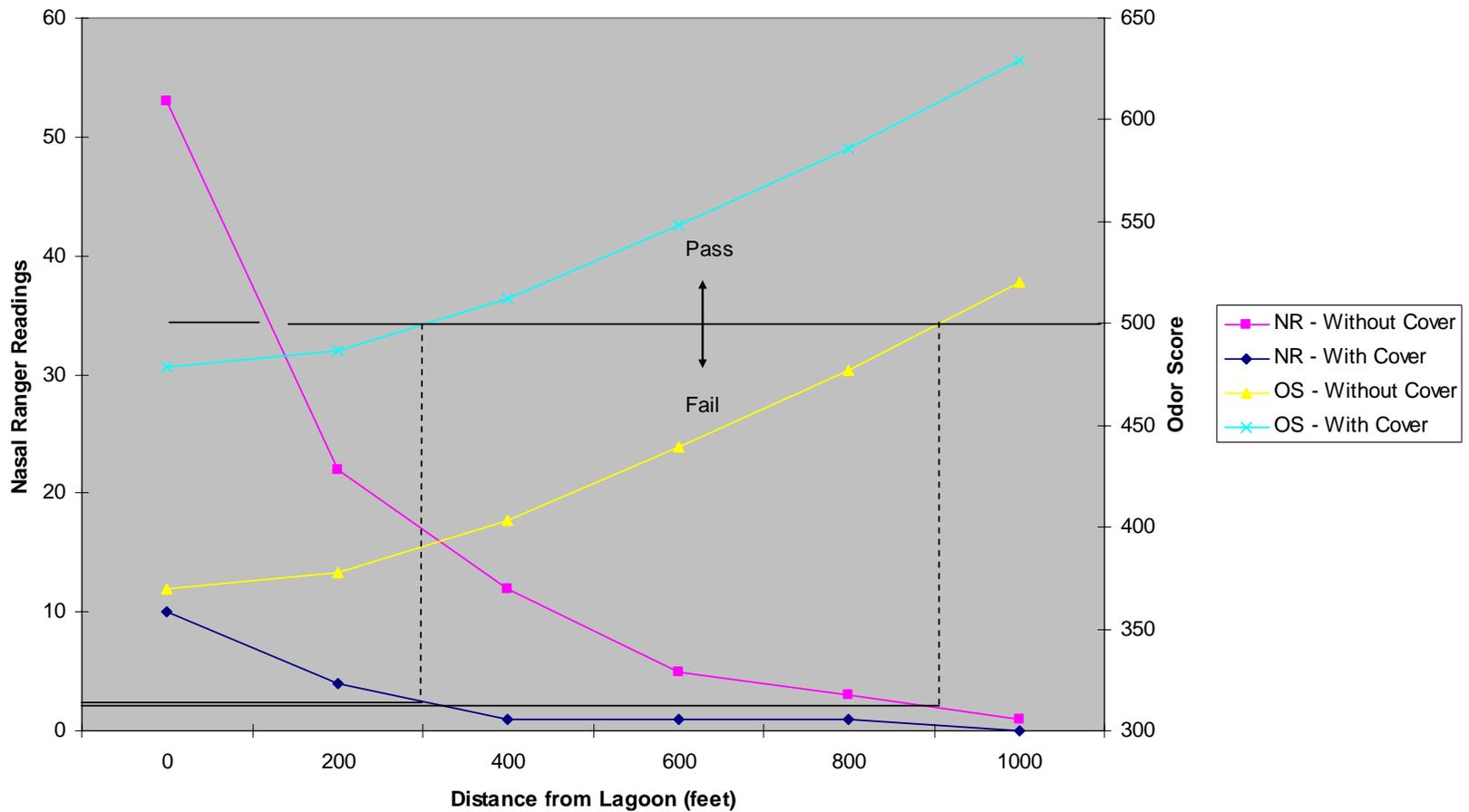
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# Permeable Cover Results



# Comparison of Nasal Ranger™ to Odor Score Permeable Cover



# Key Odor Study Findings

- Permeable covers are very effective at controlling odors from manure storage lagoons (~70% reduction).
- Impermeable covers are highly effective at controlling odors from manure storage lagoons (100% reduction).
- Solids separation with aeration is somewhat effective at controlling odors from manure storage lagoons (~25% reduction).
- Anaerobic digesters are ineffective at controlling odors from manure storage lagoons (+/-15%); however operating conditions (retention time, substrate addition, etc.) can influence this.
- Agitation of stored manure can greatly increase odors.

# Implications for the NR 445 Rule

**BMPs**



to reduce...

**VOCs**

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