It has come to our attention that tank trucks routinely used for bulk milk pick-up at producer dairy farms are also occasionally used to haul water for a variety of purposes (swimming pools, private cisterns, etc.) This activity provides a potential source of contamination of the milk supply unless proper procedures are followed:

Effective immediately, water hauling in tanker trucks used to haul milk will only be permitted on a case by case basis with written approval from the Director, Public Health Sanitation Division. Factors which will be considered for approval will include:

1. Source of the water to be hauled and method of water transfer. Only the use of approved community and non-community public water supplies will be permitted.

2. Compliance with West Virginia Division of Health “Requirements for Potable Water Haulers” (memorandum DW-27, dated June 7, 1989.)

3. Compatibility of the water proposed to be hauled with the chemicals used in the C.I.P. system of the milk plant, receiving station, transfer station or separate tank wash installation used to routinely clean and sanitize the tanker.

4. Scheduling of the tanker wash facility to insure that the tanker can be cleaned and sanitized after hauling water but prior to milk pick-up.

Should an inspection or investigation reveal that any bulk milk hauler is hauling water in an unapproved manner prior to milk pick-up, the commingled milk load shall be deemed “Non-Grade A” and the receiving plant notified that milk cannot be used for Grade “A” products.

References

History

Attachments