



WATER RANGERS PROGRAM

Since 2015, Socially Responsible Agriculture Project's (SRAP) [Water Rangers Program](#) has worked with rural communities to protect their right to clean water and hold industrial livestock operations accountable for pollution. We provide free water monitoring training and offer instruction on documenting and reporting pollution violations to U.S. EPA, state, and local regulators.

Concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) and other industrial livestock facilities are among the worst water polluters in the U.S. These operations generate vast quantities of waste because they confine so many animals in one place. This waste is typically stored onsite and then applied, untreated, to surrounding land.

Unfortunately, mismanagement and overapplication of waste is common, causing ground and surface waters to be contaminated with pollutants such as nitrogen, phosphorus, organic matter, heavy metals, and harmful pathogens like E. coli, Salmonella, and Cryptosporidium. This contaminates drinking water wells, causes fish kills, spawns toxic algal blooms, and renders local waterways unsafe for swimming, fishing, boating, and other recreational uses.

In short, rural residents living near industrial livestock operations are on the front lines of a water pollution crisis that threatens their health, environment, and quality of life.

The Water Rangers Program works to build strong networks of community scientists who monitor waterways across the U.S., reversing a decades-long trend of industrial livestock pollution and keeping our environment healthy one stream at a time. We offer three primary levels of water monitoring support:



1. General water monitoring training:

A 90-minute training that explains CAFO-focused water monitoring and provides basic skills to participants to begin their water monitoring projects.

2. Site-specific water monitoring training:

A specialized private training to help develop a water monitoring plan for a specific CAFO or water body using maps and government CAFO databases.

3. Custom field training:

On-the-ground, in-person, water monitoring training customized to fit a community monitoring group's needs.

We also offer state-specific training for Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin, public policy engagement training, and email notifications of other opportunities to protect water.

Request a training today. Email waterrangers@sraproject.org with questions.

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