

## ● Farm Pond System Where Consent Allows Discharge to Drain/Stream

### Maintenance Checks

#### Train all staff

Train staff in effluent management, and make them aware of all consent conditions.

#### Herd size

If the herd size increases, make the necessary improvements to the treatment system and advise Environment Bay of Plenty staff.

#### Feed pads and loafing pads

Ensure effluent is contained and not discharged to drains or streams. Obtain advice from Environment Bay of Plenty staff before connecting to ponds.

#### Roof water

Roof water should be diverted by guttering away from the yard and pond system.

### Daily Checks

#### Clean yard stormwater

This can be diverted by diversion drain to avoid unnecessary overloading of the pond system. Must be clean water being diverted i.e. yard must be cleaned prior to diversion.

### Weekly Checks

Ensure pipeworks are free from obstruction, and T-baffles are in place **to prevent short-circuiting and carry over of sludge.**

### Monthly Checks

Check weed growth around pond banks and spray if necessary to keep pond clear of weeds.

### 3-5 Yearly Checks

Desludge **ponds as necessary to prevent sludge build up.**

**Note:** As much of the clean water from the dairy should be diverted away from the pond system as possible. This will result in an increased retention time within the pond, and an improved final effluent quality from the treatment system.

These maintenance checks are **general advice only**. The farm owner and staff should read the consent conditions specifically relating to this farm for further detail.

Failure to comply with consent requirements can result in a \$750 fine, or possible prosecution.

If you are in any doubt about Environment Bay of Plenty requirements call a compliance officer on 0800 ENV BOP (368 267) for advice.