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The Produce Safety Rule requires at least one annual inspection of agricultural water systems at the beginning of the growing season. The inspection includes considering possible contaminants from adjacent land uses.

Look for potential contaminants coming from adjacent land that could impact water quality or produce.

Fields with livestock or fields treated with manure uphill from your field could result in manure particles blowing into your field.

Water runoff from adjacent land could also be a source of contamination.

Undeveloped land could attract wildlife and potential intrusions should be considered.

Residential or commercial areas could be sources of contamination from parking lot runoff or sewer and septic systems. Residents could be dumping lawn clippings or pet droppings over the fence onto the farm.

Record which prevention methods have been employed to prevent contamination from adjacent land.

If adjacent land uses change, potential risks of contamination should be assessed.

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