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This bill amends a 2015 law on use of the right-of-way of a road to temporarily run a flexible pipe to apply manure to a field, so that:

(1) authority to issue permits to use the right-of-way is explicitly available only for Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) right-of-way (and not for the right-of-way of any road authority such a county, city, or town); and

(2) property owners and occupants are able to use the right-of-way of county or town roads to run the pipe, if various statutory conditions are met (which include prior notification, pipe placement location and time length requirements, and performance of the field application by a licensed applicator).

The existing permit provision allows for running the pipe for up to 14 days from the applicant's property to the field, including along the right-of-way adjacent to intervening landowners' property and subject to some statutory conditions.