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Under current law, until July 1, 2022, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and county boards generally cannot permit the construction of a new open-air swine basin. This bill would clarify that the prohibition does not apply to a basin used solely to hold wastewater from a truck-washing facility.

In 2015, the Legislature defined “private truck wash” for purposes of a similar law as “a truck washing facility owned or leased, operated, and used only by a feedlot operator to wash trucks owned or leased by the feedlot operator and used to transport animals or supplies to and from the feedlot.” (Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 4, article 4, section 120; Minnesota Statutes, section 116.07, subdivision 7.)