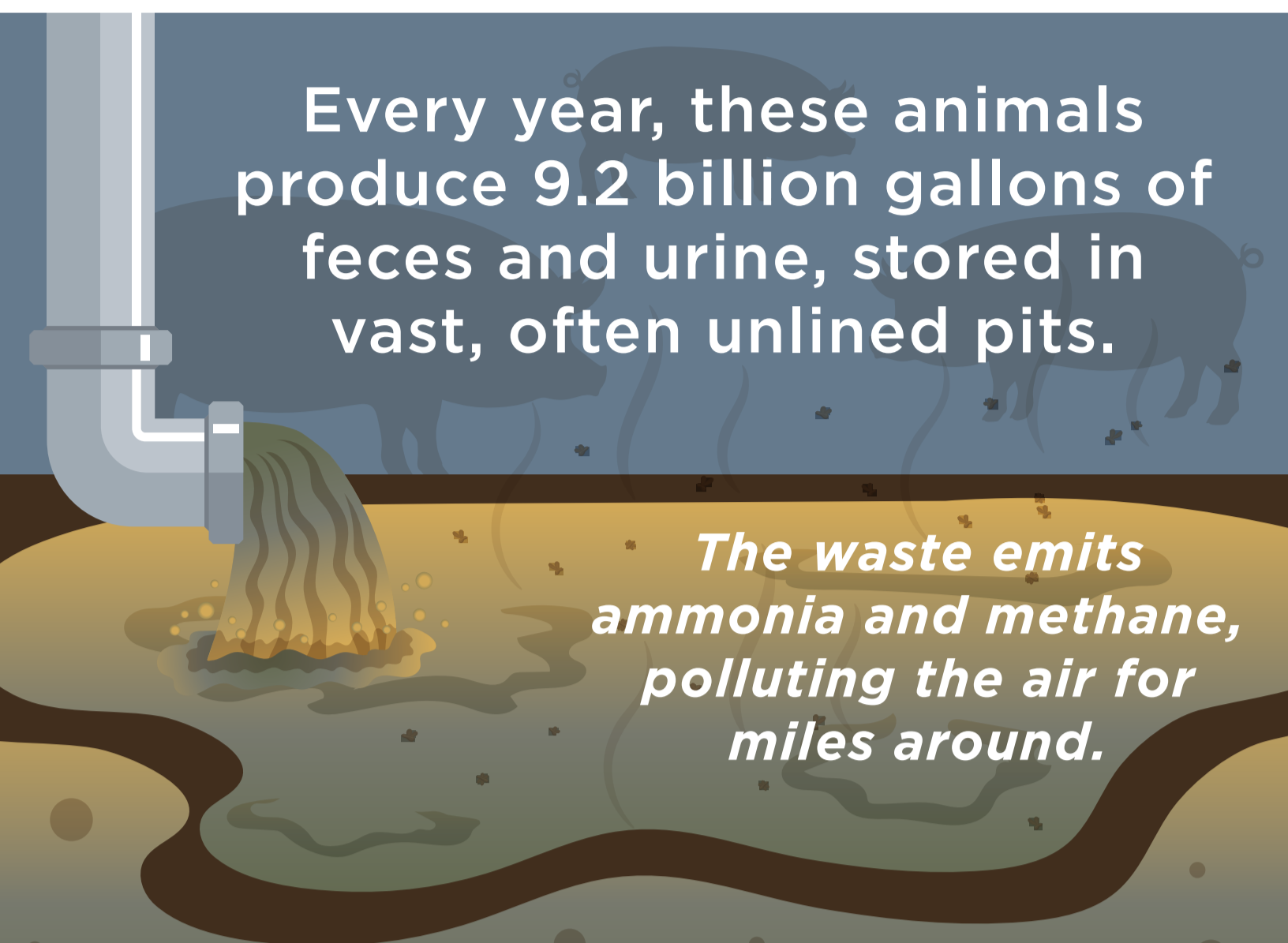


In North Carolina factory farms, **8.7 MILLION HOGS** are crammed into tiny spaces in crowded barns.

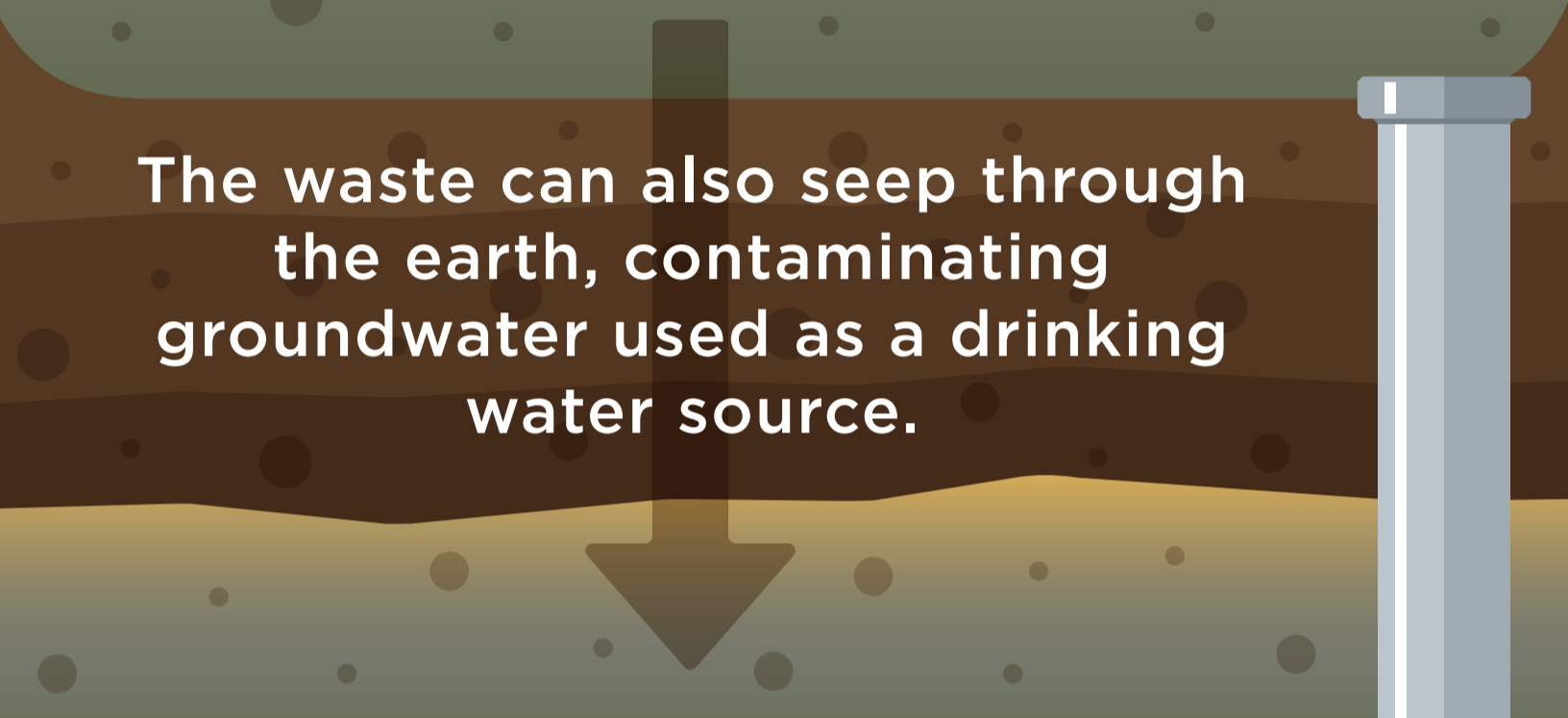


Every year, these animals produce 9.2 billion gallons of feces and urine, stored in vast, often unlined pits.

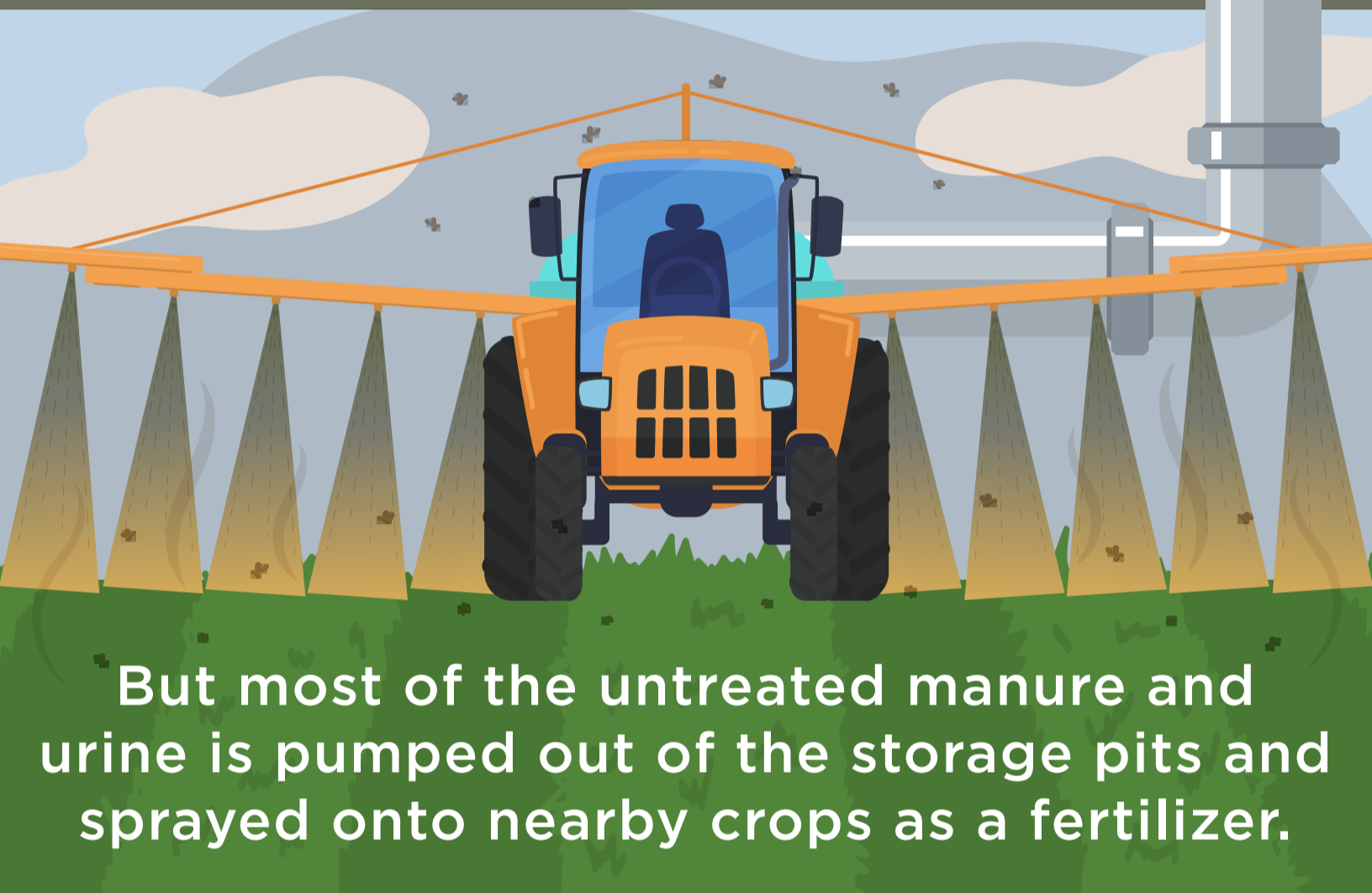


The waste emits ammonia and methane, polluting the air for miles around.

The waste can also seep through the earth, contaminating groundwater used as a drinking water source.



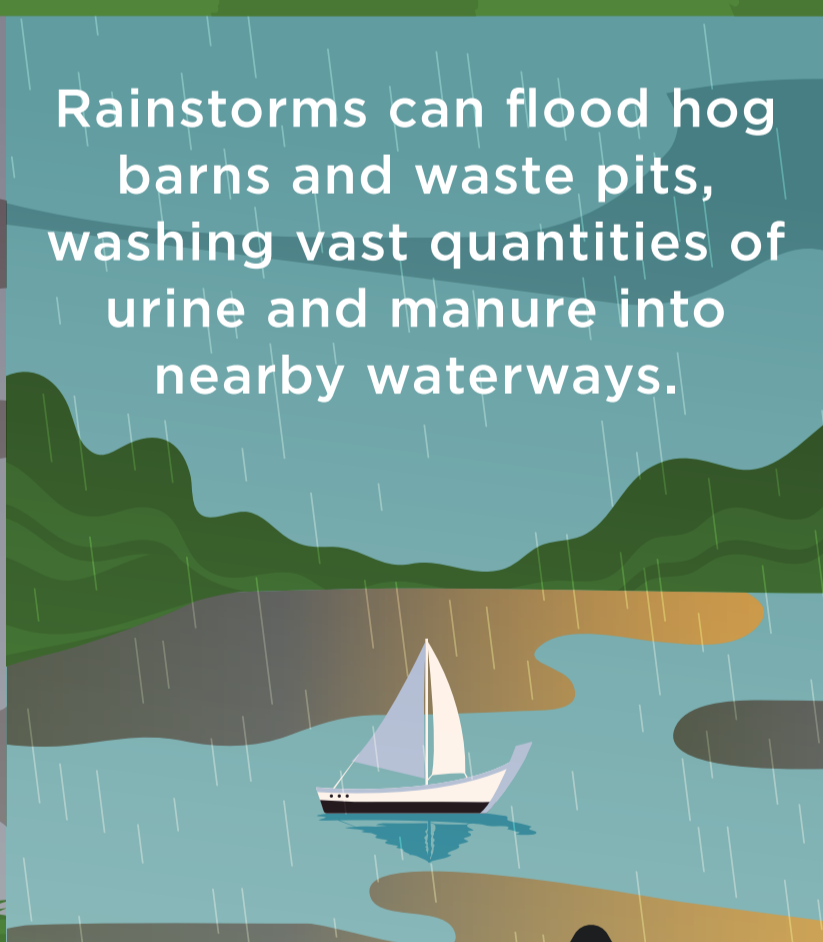
But most of the untreated manure and urine is pumped out of the storage pits and sprayed onto nearby crops as a fertilizer.



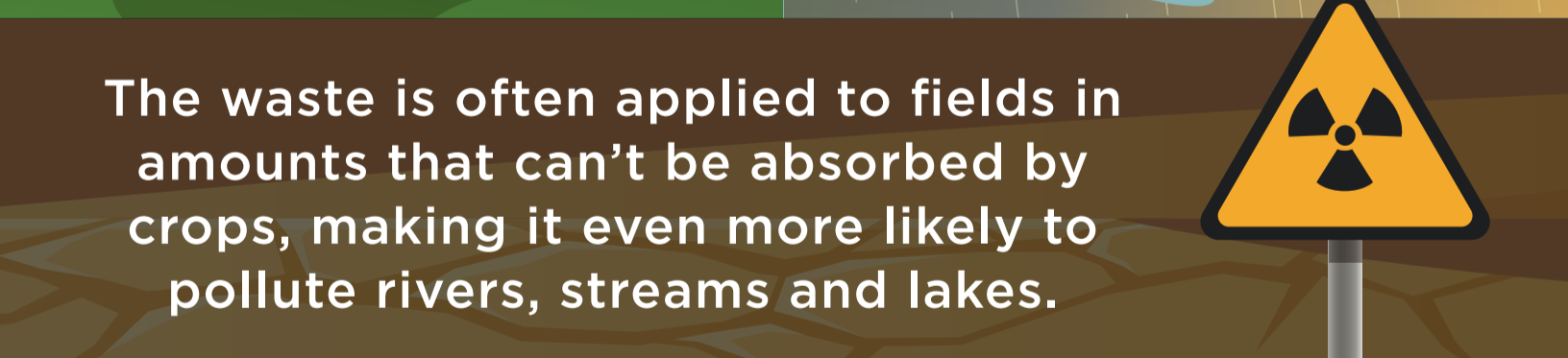
As it's sprayed, the waste can blow into nearby homes, causing a terrible stench, attracting swarms of flies and buzzards, and making people sick.



Rainstorms can flood hog barns and waste pits, washing vast quantities of urine and manure into nearby waterways.



The waste is often applied to fields in amounts that can't be absorbed by crops, making it even more likely to pollute rivers, streams and lakes.



CONTAMINANTS FROM HOG WASTE CAN INCLUDE

Disease-causing Pathogens like E. coli



Chemicals like Phosphorus and Nitrogen
(can cause toxic algae blooms)



Antibiotic-resistant bacteria



The state of North Carolina **DOES NOT REQUIRE** regular water or air quality monitoring to track this pollution.



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