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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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December 8, 2015

Mr. Alan Patterson
Farmers Grain and Feed, Inc.
314 South 5th Street
Cherokee, Iowa 51012

Subject: Soil and Groundwater Sampling Review for Farmers Grain and Feed Cherokee, Iowa

Dear Mr. Patterson,

Thank you for the report for the property referenced above submitted on your behalf by Steffen Engineering and Testing dated September 25, 2015.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has reviewed the Soil and Groundwater Sampling Review Report for evidence suggesting the existence of a hazardous condition. Unfortunately the age of the sample data and lack of reference to the location(s) of the sample collection (soil borings/monitoring wells) the DNR cannot confidently determine whether or not the site poses a significant threat to the environment or public health. To determine if a hazardous condition exists, the DNR reviews the information provided for the property as well as other generally available information for evidence of a potential hazardous condition as defined in the Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) Chapter 131. Since receiving the report the DNR has requested from your consultant the location(s) of the soil and groundwater samples in the Sampling Review. To date, that information has not been received. In addition, the DNR would prefer more recently collected soil and groundwater data to determine if a hazardous condition exists.

Also, please note this letter does not constitute an endorsement by the DNR as to the appropriateness of any proposed current or future use of the property. If such an endorsement is sought, you may consider enrolling the property in the Iowa Land Recycling Program (LRP), which would involve a thorough investigation and assessment of conditions and related environmental and health risks associated with possible uses of the property.

Feel free to contact me if there are any questions, comments, or concerns at (515) 281-4117.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Culp".

Matt Culp
Senior Environmental Specialist
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Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Cc: Cal Lundberg, Supervisor, Contaminated Sites Section, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
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