

February 28, 2025

Daybreak Foods
Attn: Stoney Hinshaw
3196 Buchanan Ave.
Eagle Grove, IA 50533

Subject: **Notice of Violation** – General Water Quality Standards
Daybreak Foods, 3196 Buchanan Ave, Eagle Grove, Sec 20, Troy Twp, Wright County

Dear Mr. Hinshaw:

On January 24, 2025, this office received a complaint stating the creek north of your facility was a green color. The complainant observed a noticeable difference in the upstream creek water appearance versus water downstream of your facility. An investigation found that the green color in creek originated near the outfall for your storm water pond located in the northwest corner of your Eagle Grove facility. Elevated levels of ammonia were found in the storm water pond and in the creek.

Please be advised that Subrule 567 IAC 61.3(2) provides that all surface waters shall be free from materials attributable to wastewater discharges or agricultural practices producing objectionable color, odor, or other aesthetically objectionable conditions. Discharge of water that produced objectionable color and contained elevated ammonia levels is a violation of this subrule.

In addition, during the investigation I learned that water line flush water is allowed to drain from the buildings, to the ground and ultimately to the storm water pond via a sub-surface tile system. Please be advised that while stormwater discharges are exempt from permitting provided that stormwater does not come into contact with production areas, this flush water can not be discharged to a water of the State without a permit per Iowa Code 455B.186.

Submit to this office no later than **March 28, 2025**, the action you have taken or will take to ensure that no additional violations of the state water quality standards occur. In addition, please provide documentation of how you plan to manage the process wastewater (water line flush water) in the future.

Please be advised that failure to reply by the above-mentioned date may result in referral to the Department's legal section for initiation of an enforcement action with a monetary penalty.

Sincerely,

FIELD SERVICES AND COMPLIANCE BUREAU



Dan Bratrud
Environmental Specialist

Enc: Copy of 567 IAC 61.3(2)
Copy of Iowa Code 455B.186