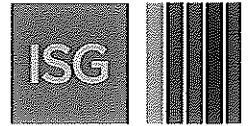


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Re: Hawkeye Pride Egg Farms LLP  
July 21, 2014 Notice of Violation

Dear Mr. Bratrud,

Please accept this transmittal as written response to your July 21, 2014 Notice of Violation (NOV) letter for Hawkeye Pride Egg Farms, LLP (#66173) in Hancock County. The NOV summarized a complaint received on June 14, 2014 alleging exposed manure in contact with precipitation, with concerns of potential manure runoff, and the subsequent site visits performed by Department staff.

Hawkeye Pride Egg Farms acknowledges the importance of using proper manure handling procedures and good housekeeping practices to reduce the potential of manure releases to the environment. Although the manure storage structure is still under construction, with a planned addition to expand the building to the south, Hawkeye Pride is in the process of creating a path of travel along the west side of the building. Moving the manure away from this west wall should help prevent any manure from spilling over the wall, as was indicated in your letter. Additionally, proper manure handling procedures and good housekeeping practices have been reviewed with employees who work in this area of the facility.

It was noted that on the day of your inspection, a portion of the stormwater runoff from the site was entering the road ditch. The inlet to the stormwater basin has been cleaned of accumulated sediment, and as weather allows, additional sediment will be removed from the basin to allow for improved catchment and additional capacity of stormwater runoff. Additionally, the NOV letter referenced storm drain intakes located near manure conveyors which could potentially allow manure to enter the storm drain system. Upon further investigation, it has been determined these intakes were not installed at the locations indicated on the site design plans, and these intakes will be relocated away from the manure conveyors.

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Please feel free to contact our Storm Lake office at (712) 732-7745 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Grafft', written in a cursive style.

Tom Grafft  
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C: Randy Epting, Hawkeye Pride Egg Farms