



June 17, 2020

IOWA CAGE FREE
ATTN: CRAIG ROWLES
PO BOX 394
JOHNSTON IA 50131SUBJECT: **Notice of Violation – Permit Required Landscaping**
Iowa Cage Free (ID# 66175); Wright County

Dear Mr. Rowles:

As you know, this office received a complaint stating that the planting of trees and shrubs along the west side of the Iowa Cage Free facility had not been completed as required by CP-A2016-168. As we have discussed, due to the expiration of the construction permit in 2018, Iowa Cage Free must comply with the landscaping requirements of the above-referenced permit, which called for plantings along the south and west side of the facility. I understand that the planting along the south side of the facility has been completed, but no plantings have occurred along the west side.

Please be advised that Subrule 567 IAC 65.7(10) requires that a permittee comply with all conditions of any issued construction permit. The failure to plant trees along the west side of the property is a violation of this regulation.

My understanding is that Iowa Cage Free intends to apply for a permit amendment, as the plantings along the west side of the property would have to be removed prior to a planned future expansion. Information regarding the application process has been provided to your engineer.

Please be advised that if the permit amendment is not applied for by **August 1, 2020**, the matter may be referred to the DNR legal section for initiation of an enforcement action with a monetary penalty.

Sincerely,

FIELD SERVICES & COMPLIANCE BUREAU

Jeremy Klatt
Environmental Specialist Senior

C: Sandy McGrath, 2531 Elm Lake Ln, Clarion 50525