

DIRECTOR KAYLA LYON

December 20, 2022

J.B. SCHOTT FAMILY FARMS 5465 OAKCREST HILL RD SE WASHINGTON IA 52353

NONCOMPLIANCE: 567 Iowa Administrative Code 105.6(7)

RE: Complaint Investigation

Field Office Compliance Database: Complaint No. 31576

Dear Mr. Schott:

On December 14, 2022, Iowa DNR Field Office 6 received an anonymous complaint alleging swine remnants were being spread across your 32.5-acre field just north of the Riverside Sand Plant & Stone business site (see Figure 1). On December 16, 2022, I visited the property where I observed and documented swine remnants across the field. According to Iowa Administrative Code 105.6(8),

"Compost (including bones that have not fully decomposed) shall be applied to cropland in a manner that minimizes the runoff into a water of the state. Application of the compost to lands other than cropland shall require prior approval by the department."

Most of the remnants I documented were within Code 105.6(8) to be lawfully spread; however, there were several instances of dead animals that were not fully decomposed (See Figures 2 and 3). According to Iowa Administrative Code 105.6(7),

"Dead farm animals shall not be removed from composting until all soft tissue is fully decomposed."

In the future, remember to make sure all soft tissue is fully decomposed from your dead farm animals before removing them from composting and applying them to cropland. I have enclosed Chapter 105, "Organic Materials Composting Facilities", for your information. If you have any questions or would like further explanation of any part of this letter, please contact me at 319-270-7361 or jeremiah.kaufmann@dnr.iowa.gov.

Sincerely, Field Services & Compliance Bureau

Jeremiah Kaufmann Environmental Specialist

Encl. Organic Materials Composting Facilities – 567 IAC 105 CC: (Johnson County) Animal Feed Operations





