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April 7, 2016

Current Resident
3002 12th St
Harlan, IA 51537

SUBJECT: Odor Complaint against Essentia, Harlan, Iowa, Shelby County
Complaint No: 22656, Staff Action No: 106928

Dear Sir or Madam:

On March 4, 2016, you filed a complaint with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Field Office 4 alleging a "raw, nasty, foul odor coming from the Essentia Protein Solutions plant. It seems it's getting worse and worse and with spring about here it will be horrible. It is so foul it has actually made me vomit. It gives several people and myself extreme headaches. Something is definitely wrong."

While the DNR does not have odor regulations, Essentia is in the process of excavating solids from its anaerobic lagoons. This action may be a contributing factor you noted in your complaint, i.e., the foul odor. The DNR is working with this facility to ensure its lagoons are in proper working order.

If you have any questions please contact me via email at alison.manz@dnr.iowa.gov or by telephone at 712-243-1934.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alison Manz".

Alison Manz
Environmental Specialist
Field Services and Compliance

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CC: Wastewater Records Center, Des Moines (Shelby County)
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Essentia Facility File