

Cedar View Farms LLC  
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Atalissa, IA 52720  
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**To:**

Ryan Stouder  
Environmental Specialist Senior, Field Services & Compliance Bureau  
Iowa DNR, Field Office #6  
1023 W. Madison, Washington, IA 52353

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**Subject:** Request for Temporary Operational Modification – Compost Setback Compliance

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Dear Mr. Stouder,

I am writing in response to the recent Notice of Violation (NOV) dated November 19, 2025, regarding the composting operation at Cedar View Farms. We understand the Iowa DNR's concerns about meeting the required 500-foot setback from the neighboring residence to the east and are committed to resolving this issue.

**Proposed Temporary Solution and Site Conditions**

To ensure compliance while we complete construction on the southwest portion of the property, we propose to temporarily relocate the composting operation to a new area on the property that ensures the required separation distance. We have identified a location that places the composting area beyond the 500-foot setback from the nearest residence to the east—our measurements confirm this location is approximately 508 feet away, ensuring full compliance.

We want to note that the southwest corner of the property is currently under construction, with foundation work and building development ongoing. As a result, it is not suitable at this time for the compost material to be placed there. By temporarily using the proposed location, we can ensure that composting operations are on a concrete floor, which will help control leachate and prevent any ground saturation issues. This location will allow us to maintain proper best management practices during the interim period.

**Request for Approval**

We kindly request the Iowa DNR's approval for this temporary operational modification. We believe this solution will ensure compliance with the separation distance requirements while minimizing any potential environmental impact during this interim period.

We are committed to working closely with the DNR to ensure a smooth and compliant transition. Please let us know if you would like to schedule a site visit or if any additional information is needed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Courtney Herrold

Owner-Operator, Cedar View Farms LLC