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Mr. Bruce J. Yurdin
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
PO Box 19276
Springfield, IL 62794-9276

Re: #2050 – Robert Andrews Swine Farm - Geneseo

Dear Mr. Yurdin:

We received your December 10, 2008 letter relating to the Robert Andrews Swine Farm – Geneseo, NPDES Permit No. IL0072842, Second Notice of Incomplete Submission. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first correspondence we have received since applying for the permit initially on or about March 2, 1998.

I visited with Eric Ackerman at the Peoria Regional IEPA office. We discussed the changes in the swine farm operation since 1998 and I requested an extension of time to provide the additional information you requested in the letter we received December 12, 2008.

We respectfully request an extension to April 1, 2009, to submit the information requested.

The current swine operation at the Andrews Farm includes 430 butcher hogs housed in a finishing confinement building. The 430 head would typically be brought in as feeder pigs weighing approximately 50 pounds per head. The 430 butcher hogs would be marketed at an average weight of 260 pounds per head. We are currently averaging 2.3 turns per year on the 430 head of butchers which is a one time fill capacity of our finishing building.



In the original application, we had a farrow to finish operation and used outside barns and Cargill type facilities. All outside lots and concrete feed floors have been eliminated. Our plan for the south lagoon would be to convert this into a fresh water farm pond. It currently collects surface water runoff around grain bins.

The farrowing house confinement building and the nursery confinement building are sitting idle and their use was discontinued in 1999. The hog finishing confinement building has a partial pit for manure storage as well as the use of a north lagoon. The liquid manure is injected on crop land in the spring and fall.

We received your letter on December 12th and with our farm clients, we're completing year end transactions, ordering inputs for seed, fertilizer, and chemicals for the farms we manage, and making operator settlements. We are currently doing our annual reports summarizing the financial transactions for their income tax preparation and will be involved in January and February on annual reports. We respectfully request the extension of time to April 1st, to supply the information requested. Once again, your letter said Second Notice of Incomplete Submission, and to the best of our knowledge we do not have a record of any correspondence relative to our permit application prior to your letter dated December 10, 2008.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

HERTZ FARM MANAGEMENT, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Edward Kiefer', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the name.

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