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Re: **#2050 – Robert Andrews Swine Farm - Geneseo**

Dear Mr. Yurdin:

The following is an update on the Andrews Swine Farm and the additional information requested in your letter we received December 12, 2008.

1. The current swine operation at the Andrews Farm includes 430 butcher hogs housed in a confinement finishing 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 of the one time capacity of 430 head of butchers which is a one time fill capacity of our facility.
2. The confinement farrowing house building and the confinement nursery building are sitting idle and their use was discontinued in 1999. The confinement finishing building has a partial pit for manure storage as well as the use of a north lagoon.
3. The outside concrete lot swine operation activities were discontinued since our original application date. The outside concrete feed floors and lots have been eliminated. With these outside concrete lots eliminated we do not perceive a need for a storm water management plan for these lots.
4. The south lagoon was pumped of all manure when the outside concrete lots were eliminated from the swine operation. An outside concrete lot area around the grain bin area drains surface water into this lagoon. We plan to pump the lagoon, clean out the sludge, and convert this into a fresh water farm pond.

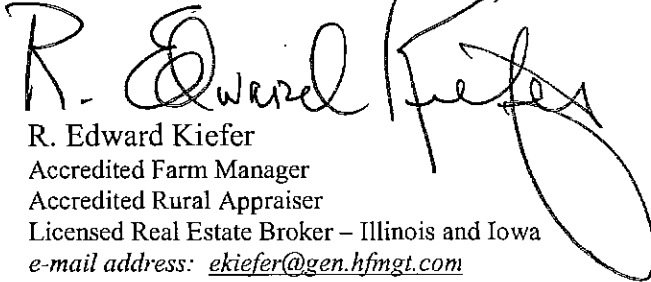


5. Mortality is handled by rendering services.
6. Our spill response plan is to immediately stop the spill, stop the flow of effluent from entering surface water, and clean up the spill with farm equipment and contractor equipment. The effluent would be applied on cropland. The Quality Landscaping firm is located within 1,500 feet of our swine finishing building has dozer and backhoe equipment available. We have an agreement with them to respond 24/7 in the event of a spill. We would do our best to contain all material to prevent entering surface water. We would report the spill to the appropriate agencies according to the July 1999 Illinois EPA "Reporting Requirements for Livestock Waste Releases in Illinois". Containment methods would include dirt moving and big round bales of forage or cornstalks.
7. The manure would be applied on cropland fields located on the Andrews farm. We have 235.1 acres of cropland for the annual application of manure. Manure applications and locations are recorded with rates applied for the agronomic crops grown on the cropland acres.
8. The two lagoons are monitored to maintain the two feet freeboard requirement. They are pumped regularly. As part of our storm water management plan, the north lagoon does not receive any surface water.
9. The nutrient management plan, storm water plan and spill control plan will include the discharge limitation, field application of livestock waste, monitoring and reporting requirements, and release provisions of the general NPDES permit ILA01, or that if an individual permit is to be issued, the aforementioned plans will contain the same provisions.

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

Sincerely,

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