

**BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD**

Curt Strode )  
(Property Identification Number ) PCB 015-  
06-05-34-300-001 ) (Tax Certification  
 ) Water)

**NOTICE**

Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board  
James R. Thompson Center  
100 West Randolph Street, Suite. 11-500  
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Curt Strode  
24324 N. County Highway 15  
Marietta, Illinois 61459

Steve Santarelli  
Illinois Department of Revenue  
101 West Jefferson  
Post Office Box 19033  
Springfield, Illinois 62794

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that I have today filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Pollution Control Board an **APPEARANCE AND THE RECOMMENDATION** of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, a copy of which is herewith served upon you.

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
AGENCY

By: Vera Herst  
Vera Herst  
Assistant Counsel  
Division of Legal Counsel

DATED: October 24, 2014

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**A P P E A R A N C E**

The undersigned, as one of its attorneys, hereby enters an APPEARANCE on behalf of Respondent, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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**RECOMMENDATION**

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA") hereby files its Recommendation pursuant to Section 125.204 of the regulations of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.204.

1. On October 2, 2013, and March 21, 2014, the Illinois EPA received a request from Curt Strode (log number TC-06-14, Exhibit A) for an Illinois EPA recommendation regarding the tax certification of water pollution control facilities pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.204.
2. The applicant's address is: Curt Strode  
24324 N. County Highway 15  
Marietta, Illinois 61459
3. The proposed water pollution control facility in this request is located at Section 34, T7N, R1E of the 4<sup>th</sup> PM in Fulton County, at the above street address and consists of the following:  
  
Livestock waste management facilities consisting of:
  - One concrete manure storage area (approximately 66 ft. x 25 ft. x 8 ft. high walls) and the roof above the manure storage area in Barn #1;
  - One concrete manure pit (approximately 198 ft. x 46 ft. x 10 ft. deep) with the slotted concrete portion of the floor over the manure pit in Barn #2;
  - Ten concrete composting bins (each approximately 14 ft. x 14 ft. x 6 ft. high walls), roofing above the composting bins in Building #3 and an approximately 146 ft. x 20 ft. concrete apron to prevent runoff from the compost area.

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These livestock waste management facilities are used to collect, transport and/or store livestock wastes prior to cropland application, and are further described in Exhibit A.

4. Section 11-10 of the Property Tax Code, 35 ILCS 200/11-10 (2012), defines "pollution control facilities" as:

"any system, method, construction, device or appliance appurtenant thereto or any portion of any building or equipment, that is designed, constructed, installed or operated for the primary purpose of: (a) eliminating, preventing, or reducing air or water pollution ...or (b) treating, pretreating, modifying or disposing of any potential solid, liquid or gaseous pollutant which if released without treatment, pretreatment modification or disposal might be harmful, detrimental or offensive to human, plant or animal life, or to property."

5. Pollution control facilities are entitled to preferential tax treatment, 35 ILCS 200/11-5.
6. Based on the information in the application and the purpose of the facilities, it is the Illinois EPA's engineering judgment that the described facilities described in (3) above may be considered "pollution control facilities," pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.200(a), with the primary purpose of eliminating, preventing, or reducing water pollution, or as otherwise provided in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.200, and are eligible for tax certification from the Board.
7. Additional facilities in this request are:

The 135 ft. x 66 ft. portion of the Bed Pack Barn (Barn #1) that does not contain the manure storage area, and the portions of the building above the manure pit in Barn #2.

These are also described in Exhibit A.

8. Based on the information in the application and the purpose of the facilities, it is the Illinois EPA's engineering judgment that the described facilities are not considered "pollution control

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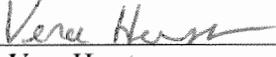
facilities,” pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.200(a), with the primary purpose of eliminating, preventing, or reducing water pollution, or as otherwise provided in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.200, and are therefore not eligible for tax certification from the Board. Specifically, the Illinois EPA finds that the primary purpose of these facilities is to provide an area for feeding animals, keeping animals clean, sheltering animals from outside weather conditions, and reduce bedding needs. The *Beef Housing & Equipment Handbook*, Third Edition by Midwest Plan Service (April 1979) (MWPS-6) states that buildings protect cattle and feeding equipment and allow for better feeding efficiencies. MWPS-6 also states that buildings prevent feed from blowing, protect feed and equipment from rain and snow, and provide the cattle shelter during the summer and winter. *Beef Production*, Fourth Edition by Diggins, Bundy and Christensen (1984) states that research has shown that efficient animal production can be improved through closer control over the production environment and confinement systems have been most successful in the area of improved production efficiency allowing for more economical gains with less manual labor. The above information confirms the primary purpose of the portion of the Bed Pack Barn not containing manure storage and buildings above the manure pits is not to eliminate, prevent, or reduce water pollution.

WHEREFORE, the Illinois EPA recommends that the Board grant the requested tax certification to the facilities described in (3) above, and deny the requested tax certification to the facilities described in (7)

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above. The applicant has 35 days after the date of service to file a petition with the Board to contest this recommendation (35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.204).

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION AGENCY

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## ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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PAT QUINN, GOVERNOR

LISA BONNETT, DIRECTOR

# Memorandum

To: Charles Gunnarson, Division of Legal Counsel

From: Al Keller, P.E., Manager, Permit Section *AK*

Date: October 20, 2014

Re: Mr. Curt Strode – Marietta  
Recommendation of Tax Certification/Recommendation of Tax Certification Denial  
Log # TC-06-14  
Property Identification # 06-05-34-300-001

The Bureau of Water received a request on October 2, 2013 and March 21, 2014 from Curt Strode for an Illinois EPA recommendation regarding the tax certification of water pollution control facilities pursuant to 35 Il. Adm. Code 125.204. We offer the following recommendation.

The water pollution control facilities in this request include the following:

Mr. Curt Strode  
24324 N. County Highway 15  
Marietta, IL 61459

Section 34, T7N, R1E of the 4<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Fulton County

Livestock waste management facilities consisting of:

- One concrete manure storage area (approximately 66 ft. x 25 ft. x 8 ft. high walls) and the roof above the manure storage area in Barn #1;
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- Ten concrete composting bins (each approximately 14 ft. x 14 ft. x 6 ft. high walls), roofing above the composting bins in Building #3 and an approximately 146 ft. x 20 ft. concrete apron to prevent runoff from the compost area.

These livestock waste management facilities are used to collect, transport and/or store livestock wastes prior to cropland application.

These facilities are further described in the enclosed applications and supporting documents.

Based on the information included in this submittal, it is our engineering judgment that the above proposed facilities may be considered "Pollution Control Facilities" under 35 IAC 125.200(a), with the primary purpose of eliminating, preventing, or reducing water pollution, or as otherwise provided in this section, and therefore eligible for tax certification from the Illinois Pollution Control Board. The Bureau of Water therefore recommends that the Board issue the requested tax certification for these facilities.

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Additional facilities in this request include:

- The 135 ft. x 66 ft. portion of the Bed Pack Barn (Barn #1) that does not contain the manure storage area.
- The portions of the building above the manure pit in Barn #2.

These facilities are further described in the enclosed applications and supporting documents.

Based on the information included in this submittal, the Bureau of Water has determined that the facilities are not "Pollution Control Facilities" under 35 IAC 125.200(a), with the primary purpose of eliminating, preventing, or reducing water pollution, or as otherwise provided in this section. This determination is based on the following factor(s):

The primary purpose of these facilities is to provide an area for feeding animals, keeping animals clean, sheltering animals from outside weather conditions, reduce bedding needs and is not pollution control. The *Beef Housing & Equipment Handbook*, Third Edition by Midwest Plan Service (April 1979) (MWPS-6) states that buildings protect cattle and feeding equipment and allow for better feeding efficiencies. MWPS-6 also states that buildings prevent feed from blowing, protect feed and equipment from rain and snow, and provide the cattle shelter during the summer and winter. *Beef Production*, Fourth Edition by Diggins, Bundy and Christensen (1984) states that research has shown that efficient animal production can be improved through closer control over the production environment and confinement systems have been most successful in the area of improved production efficiency allowing for more economical gains with less manual labor. The above information confirms the primary purpose of the portion of the Bed Pack Barn not containing manure storage and buildings above the manure pits is not pollution control.

The Bureau of Water therefore recommends that the Board deny the requested tax certification for these facilities.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Thaddeus Faught at 217/782-3362.

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cc: Tax Cert File

Watershed Unit Tax Certification Review Sheet

Strode  
 Fought

Location: Marietta  
 Date: 6/5/14  
 Type:  Agchem  
 Livestock

Strode  
 124 N. Carlisle Hwy.  
 Marietta, IL 61459

Contact: Curt Strode  
 Phone: 309-255-5649

Same as applicant

Property ID: 06-05-24-300-001

Legal Description: Section 34, T7N, R1E of 4th PM.

County: Fulton

Date Control Devices Installed: 2009, 2011 + 2012

Provided Fair Cash Value: yes

Signature: by Curt Strode

Title: OWNER

- Wastes:
- Livestock waste is applied to cropland.
  - Agrichemical rinsate and spillage is recycled through the facility and/or land applied.
  - Other:

Physical Description of Pollution Control Devices:

- one concrete manure storage area (66 ft x 25 ft w/ 8 ft walls) in Barn 1
- one concrete manure pit (198 ft x 46 ft x 10 ft, deep) w/ concrete slatted floor (Barn 2)
- ten concrete feed animal composting bins (each 14 ft x 14 ft x 6 ft walls) (Barn 3) w/ roof + 20 ft apron sloped in to prevent runoff

Not a pollution control device: portion of Barn 1 described below:  
 • The remaining portion of Barn 1 (135 ft x 66 ft) is not considered a pollution control facility because its primary purpose is to house + shelter animals. same for building above pits  
 ⇒ deny 135 ft x 66 ft portion of Barn 1 + building above pits

note: There are 3 applications enclosed all for the same parcel ⇒ one tax cert.

Other: Note: This application was previously submitted in 2012 and in 2013. A return receipt was provided showing the Agency received the application on 10/21/2012. Unfortunately it appeared this application was never routed to the right place to be logged in as a tax certification.

The applicant also states that the application was initially mailed in 2012. There was no return receipt requested back then.

**Faught, Thaddeus**

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**From:** Ruth Ann McGrew <ruthann.mcgrew@fbfm.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 07, 2014 3:17 PM  
**To:** Faught, Thaddeus  
**Subject:** RE: Curt Strode Signature page of application

Dear Thad,

The concrete apron slopes back into the compost building to prevent runoff. It does not have a curb because of this slope back in.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thank you.

*Ruth Ann McGrew*  
Western FBFM Association  
446 East Main Street, P. O. Box 93  
Bushnell, IL 61422  
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Cell - 309-341-6223  
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**From:** Faught, Thaddeus [<mailto:Thaddeus.Faught@Illinois.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 07, 2014 3:10 PM  
**To:** Ruth Ann McGrew  
**Subject:** RE: Curt Strode Signature page of application

Thanks Ruth Ann.

I apologize, I did have a follow-up question on the concrete apron then.

So is the concrete apron sloped into the compost area then to prevent runoff?  
Or are there curbs?

Thanks again,  
Thad

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**From:** Ruth Ann McGrew [<mailto:ruthann.mcgrew@fbfm.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 07, 2014 2:49 PM  
**To:** Faught, Thaddeus  
**Subject:** RE: Curt Strode Signature page of application

Dear Thad,

Please find attached the documentation that you requested regarding Barn # 1. The cattle have full use of the building except for the manure storage area measuring 25'x66' on the west end of the building. The diagram attached shows only the cattle living area and does not show the 25'x66' storage. The storage is displayed in the set of pictures attached. Specifically the picture in the top left corner of the picture attachment. The cattle are housed in the 66'x160' building they are kept out of the storage area.

In reference to the question of requesting tax certification for the 20 foot concrete apron on the south side of the compost bins. Yes the Strode's are requesting this. The apron is used to prevent possible runoff prior to the bins being emptied and spread.

Please let me know if you have any other questions or require other information.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Faught, Thaddeus [<mailto:Thaddeus.Faught@Illinois.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, June 20, 2014 11:32 AM

**To:** Ruth Ann McGrew

**Subject:** RE: Curt Strode Signature page of application

Thanks Ruth Ann.

My boss reviewed this one now and he was wondering if we can get a few more details on a couple of items.

- 1) Can you provide plans or a diagram for Barn #1 showing the manure storage area and other areas where the cattle go? Are the animals kept out of the manure storage area?
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Let me know if you have any questions,

Thaddeus Faught

Illinois EPA

217-782-3662

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**From:** Ruth Ann McGrew [<mailto:ruthann.mcgreg@fbfm.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, June 06, 2014 10:21 AM

**To:** Faught, Thaddeus

**Subject:** Curt Strode Signature page of application

Dear Thaddeus,

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Please let me know that you have received this document.

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## FAX COVER SHEET

TO	
COMPANY	
FAX NUMBER	12177851225
FROM	Ruth Ann McGrew
DATE	2014-07-07 20:10:35 GMT
RE	Strode's Application

## COVER MESSAGE

Attention:

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Ruth Ann McGrew

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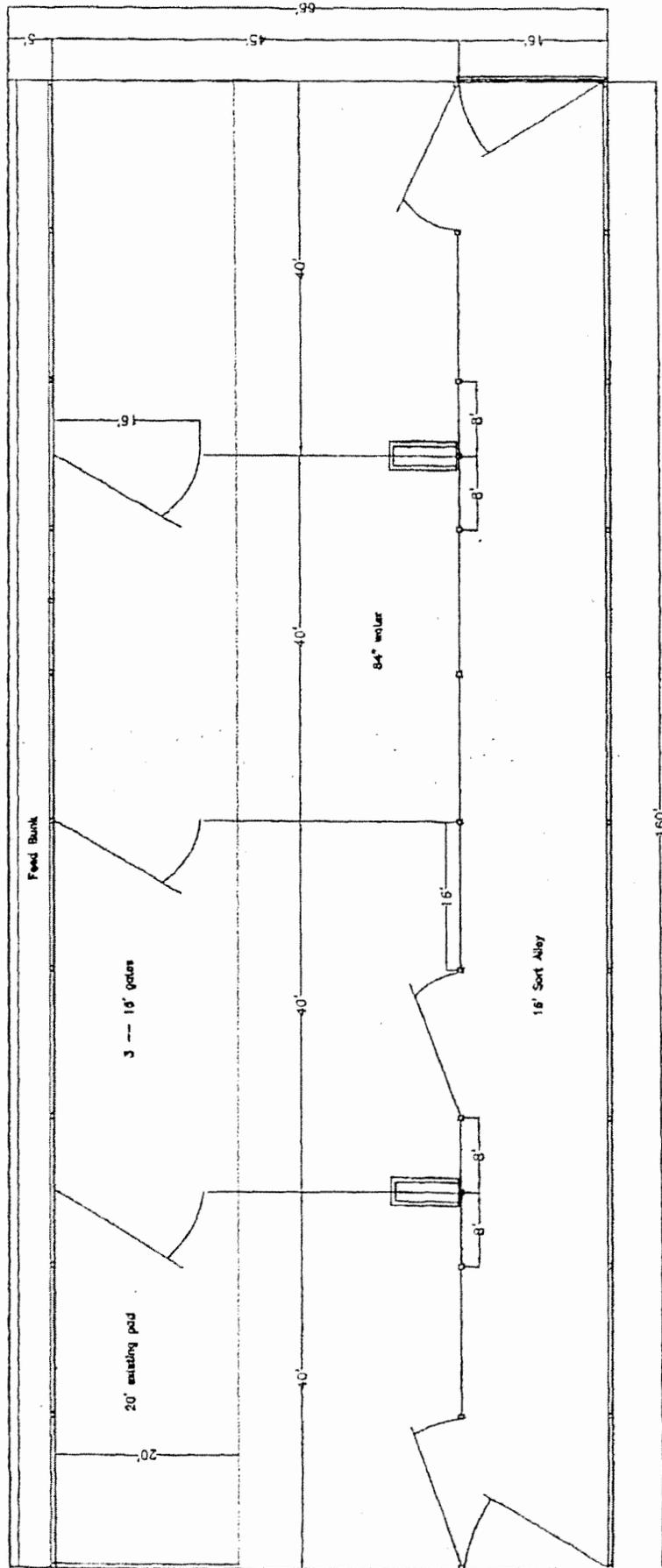
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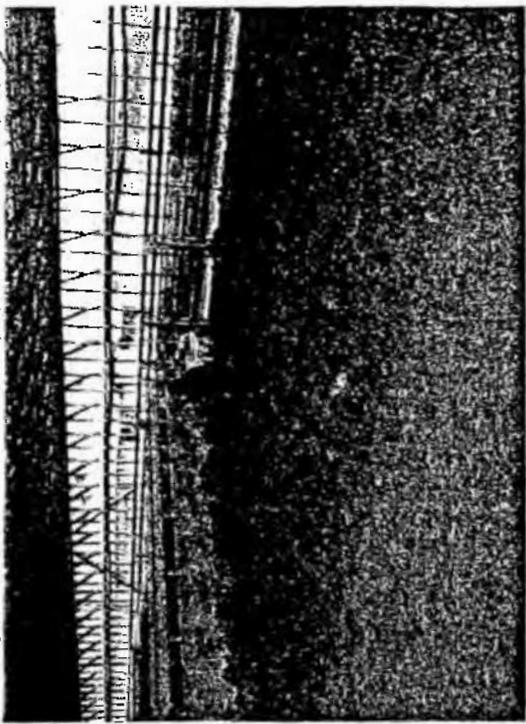
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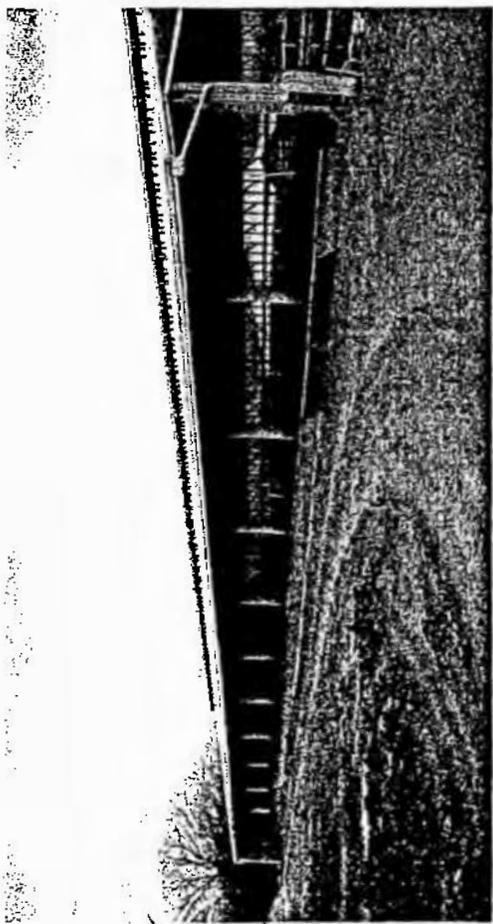


One of four Rock Barn Pens

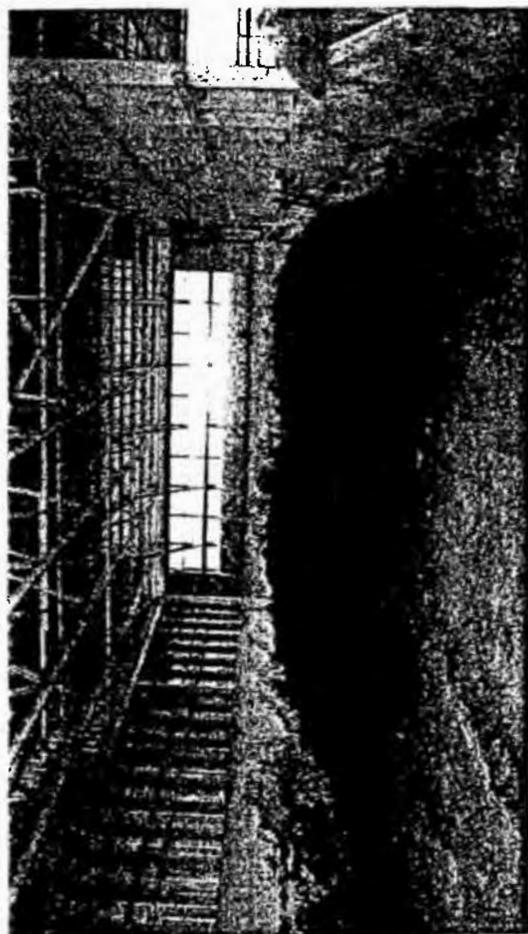


Pen with Cattle

South side of Rock Barn.



stacking area on west end



Manure stacking area

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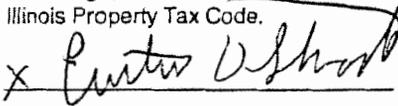
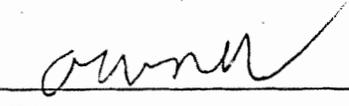
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Sec. E	(1) Nature of Contaminants or Pollutants			
	POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY - CONTAMINANTS	Material Retained, Captured or Recovered		
		Contaminant or Pollutant	DESCRIPTION	DISPOSAL OR USE
		Air contaminants and runoff pollutants	Cattle manure - liquid & solids.	See attachments for disposal or use information.
	ACCOUNTING DATA	(2) Point(s) of Waste Water Discharge See attachments for disposal information.		
		Plans and Specifications Attached		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		(3)	Are contaminants (or residues) collected by the control facility?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		(4)	Date installation completed <u>2009</u> status of installation on date of application <u>Complete &amp; in use</u>	
(5)		a. FAIR CASH VALUE IF CONSIDERED REAL PROPERTY:	\$ 108,350	
	b. NET SALVAGE VALUE IF CONSIDERED REAL PROPERTY:	\$ 0		
	c. PRODUCTIVE GROSS ANNUAL INCOME OF CONTROL FACILITY:	\$ 0		
	d. PRODUCTIVE NET ANNUAL INCOME OF CONTROL FACILITY:	\$ 0		
	e. PERCENTAGE CONTROL FACILITY BEARS TO WHOLE FACILITY VALUE:	% 9.375%		
Sec. F	The following information is submitted in accordance with the Illinois Property Tax Code, as amended, and to the best of my knowledge, is true and correct. The facilities claimed herein are "pollution control facilities" as defined in Section 11-10 of the Illinois Property Tax Code.			
SIGNATURE				
	Signature		Title	
Sec. G	INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPILING AND FILING APPLICATION			
	General: Separate applications must be completed for each control facility claimed. Do not mix types (water and air). Where both air and water operations are related, file two applications. If attachments are needed, record them consecutively on an index sheet.			
Sec. A	Information refers to applicant as listed in the tax records and the person to be contacted for further details or for inspection of facilities. Define facility location by street address or legal description. A plat map location is required for facilities located outside of municipal boundaries. The property identification number is required.			
Sec. B	Self-explanatory. Submit copies of all permits issued by local pollution control agencies. (e.g. MSD Construction Permit)			
Sec. C	Refers to manufacturing processes or materials on which pollution control facility is used.			
Sec. D	Narrative description of the pollution control facility, indicating that its primary purpose is to eliminate, prevent or reduce pollution. State the type of control facility. State permit number, date, and agency issuing permit. A narrative description and a process flow diagram describing the pollution control facility. Include a listing of each major piece of equipment included in the claimed fair cash value for real property. Include an average analysis of the influent and effluent of the control facility stating the collection efficiency.			
INSTRUCTIONS	Sec. E List air contaminants, or water pollution substances released as effluents to the manufacturing processes. List also the final disposal of any contaminants removed from the manufacturing processes. Item (1) - Refers to pollutants and contaminants removed from the process by the pollution control facility. Item (2) - Refers to water pollution but can apply to water-carried wastes from air pollution control facilities. Submit drawings, which clearly show (a) Point(s) of discharge to receiving stream, and (b) Sewers and process piping to and from the control facility. Item (3) - If the collected contaminants are disposed of other than as wastes, state the disposition of the materials, and the value in dollars reclaimed by sale or reuse of the collected substances. State the cost of reclamation and related expense. Item (4) - State the date which the pollution control facility was first placed in service and operated. If not, explain. Item (5) - This information is essential to the certification and assessment actions. This accounting data must be completed to activate project review prior to certification by this Agency.			
	Sec. F	Self-explanatory. Signature must be a corporate authorized signature.		
		Submit to:	Attention:	Attention:
		Illinois EPA P.O. Box 19276 Springfield, IL 62794-9276	Al Keller Permit Section Division of Water Pollution Control	Donald E. Sutton Permit Section Division of Air Pollution Control

TC-06-14

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION (PROPERTY TAX TREATMENT)  
 POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY  
 AIR  WATER

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
 P. O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276

This Agency is authorized to request this information under Illinois Revised Statutes, 1979, Chapter, 120, Section 502a-5. Disclosure of this information is voluntary. However, failure to comply could prevent your application from being processed or could result in denial of your application for certification.

FOR AGENCY USE				
File No.	Date Received	Certification No.	Date	
Sec. A  APPLICANT	Company Name <b>Curt Strode</b>			
	Person Authorized to Receive Certification <b>Curt Strode</b>		Person to Contact for Additional Details <b>Curt Strode</b>	
	Street Address <b>24324 N Co 15 Hwy</b>		Street Address <b>24324 N Co 15 Hwy</b>	
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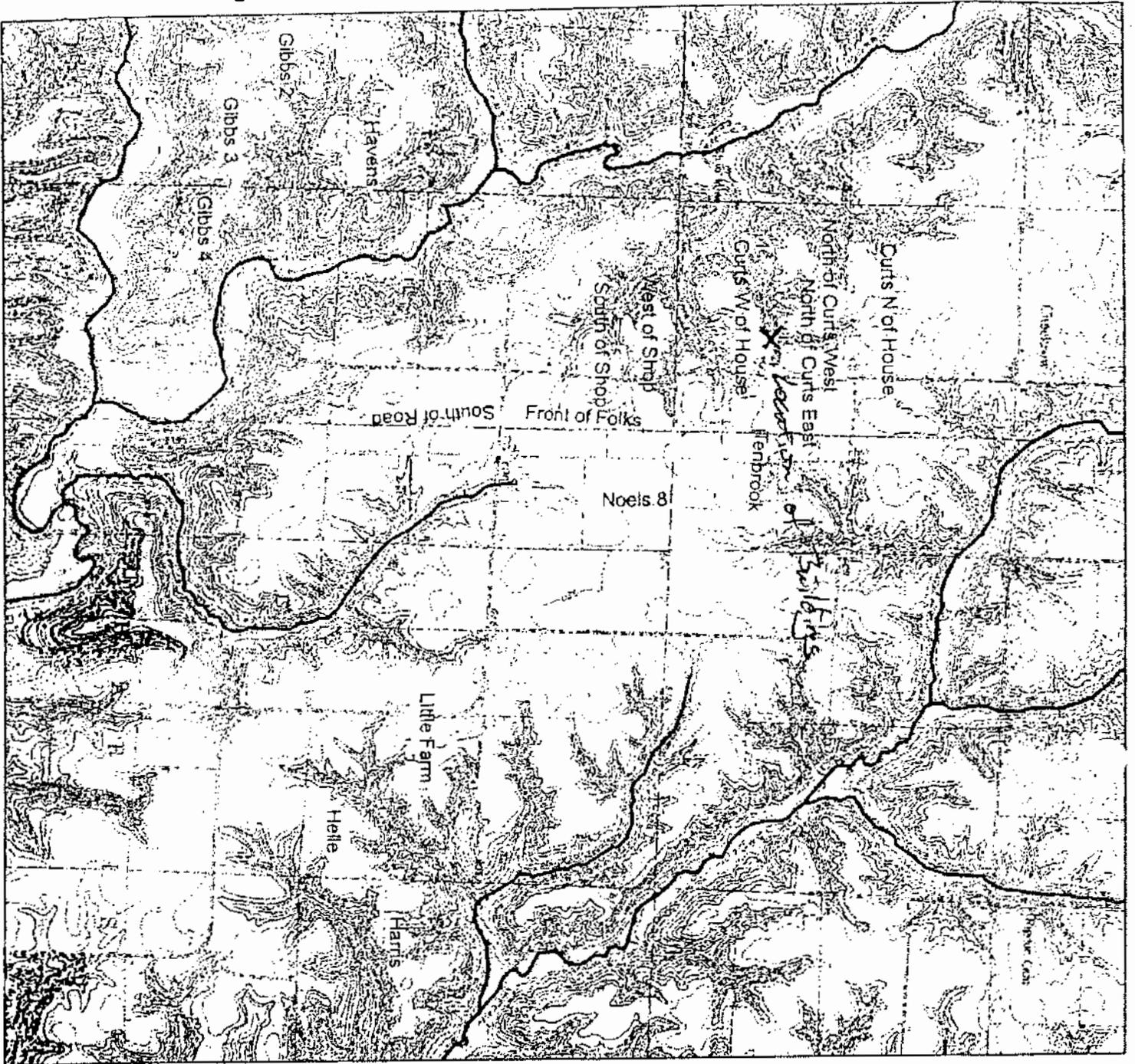
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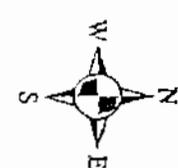
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	Contaminant or Pollutant	DESCRIPTION	DISPOSAL OR USE	
	Air contaminants and runoff pollutants	Cattle manure - liquid & solids.	See attachments for disposal or use information.	
	(2) Point(s) of Waste Water Discharge See attachments for disposal information.			
			Plans and Specifications Attached	
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ACCOUNTING DATA	(5) a.	FAIR CASH VALUE IF CONSIDERED REAL PROPERTY:	\$ 108,350	
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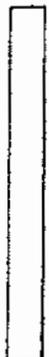
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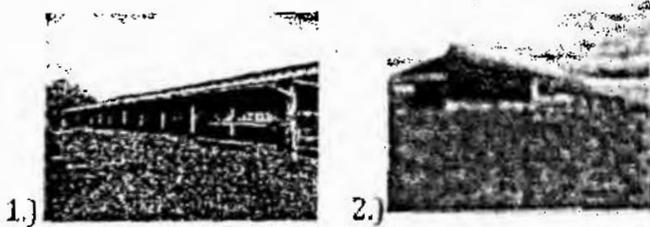
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Section D - Pollution Control Facility

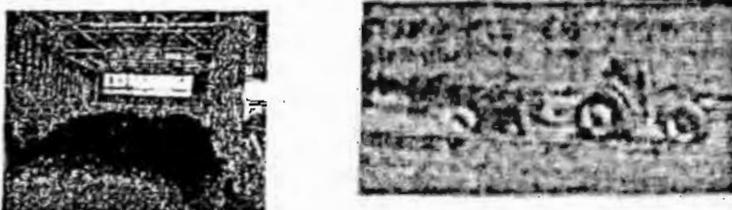


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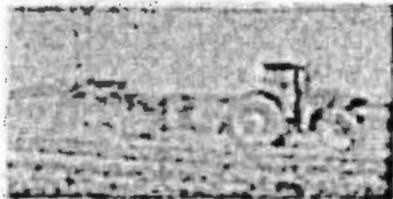
Section D - Pollution Control Facility *Building #3*



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 P. O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276

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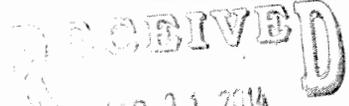
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	Location of Facility	Municipality	Township
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	Street Address <b>24324 N Co 15 Hwy</b>	County <b>Fulton</b>	Book Number
	Property Identification Number <b>06-05-34-300-001</b>	Parcel Number	
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	Air Pollution Control Operating Permit No. <b>N/A</b>	Date Issued	
Sec. C  MANUFACTURING PROCESS	Describe Unit Process <b>Barn # 2 = 9,085 Sq Ft cattle finishing building with 10ft deep manure pit under all of building.</b>		
	Materials Used in Process <b>Materials used are described in detail in attachments.</b>		
Sec. D  POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY DESCRIPTION	Describe Pollution Abatement Control Facility <b>See attachments.</b>		

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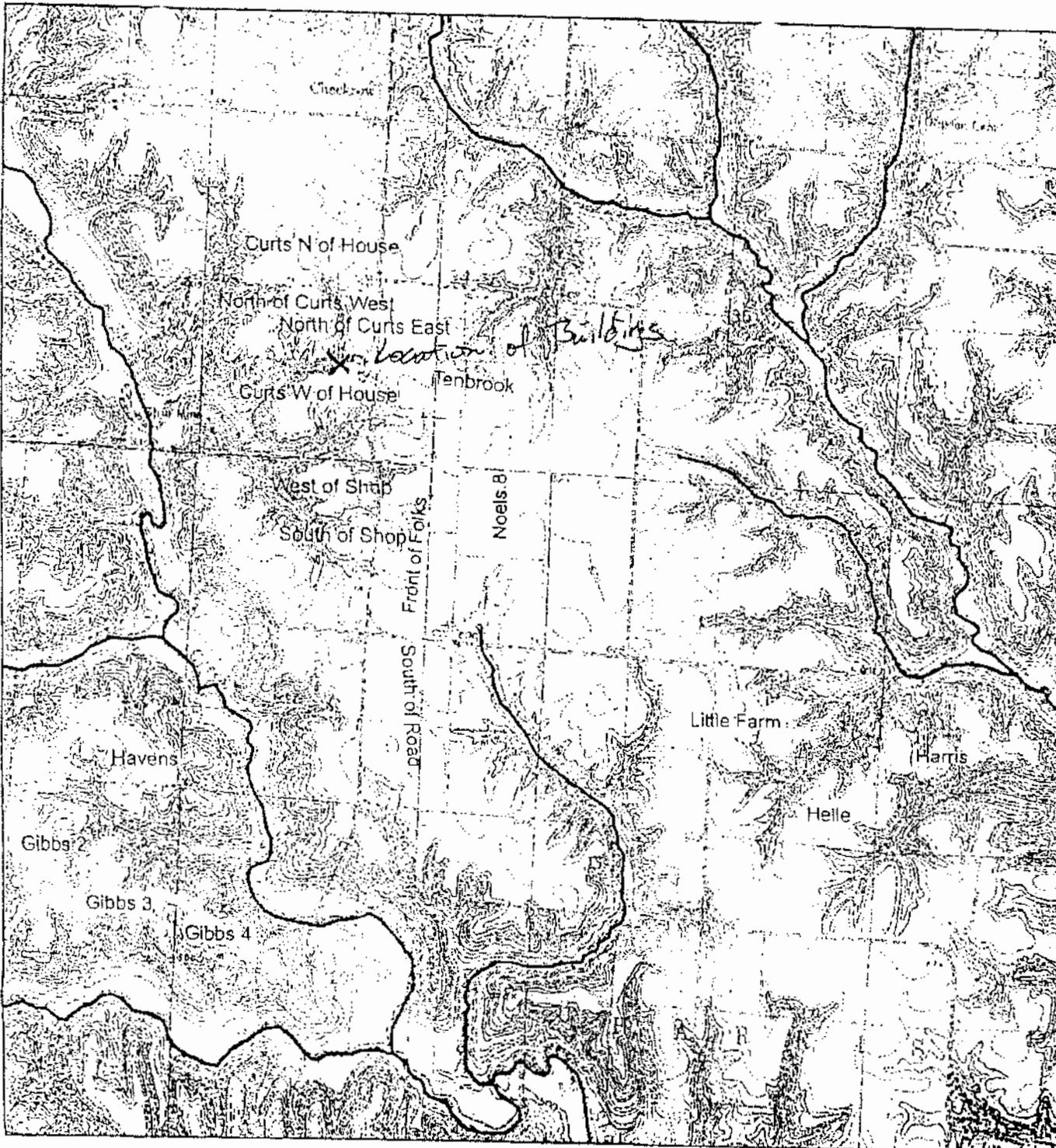
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POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY - CONTAMINANTS       ACCOUNTING DATA	(1) Nature of Contaminants or Pollutants		
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	Plans and Specifications Attached		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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(4)	Date installation completed <u>2011</u> status of installation on date of application <u>Complete &amp; in use</u>		
(5)	a. FAIR CASH VALUE IF CONSIDERED REAL PROPERTY:	\$ <u>237,150</u>	
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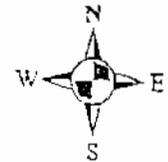
  
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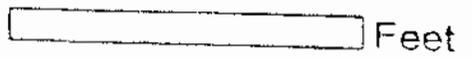
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Section D - Pollution Control Facility



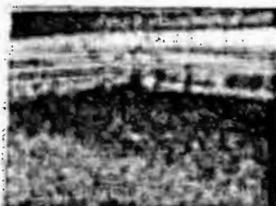
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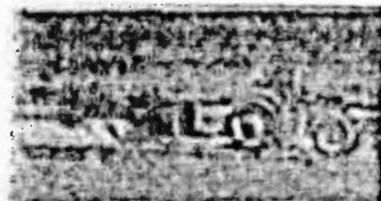
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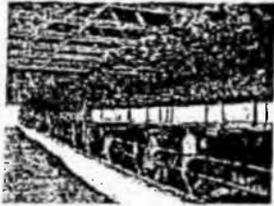
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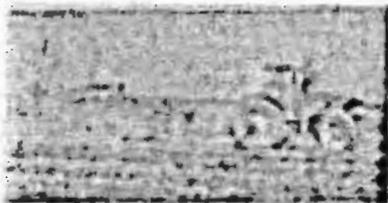
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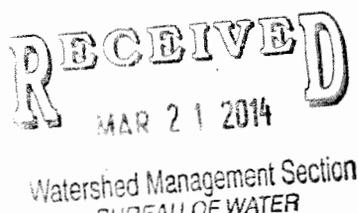
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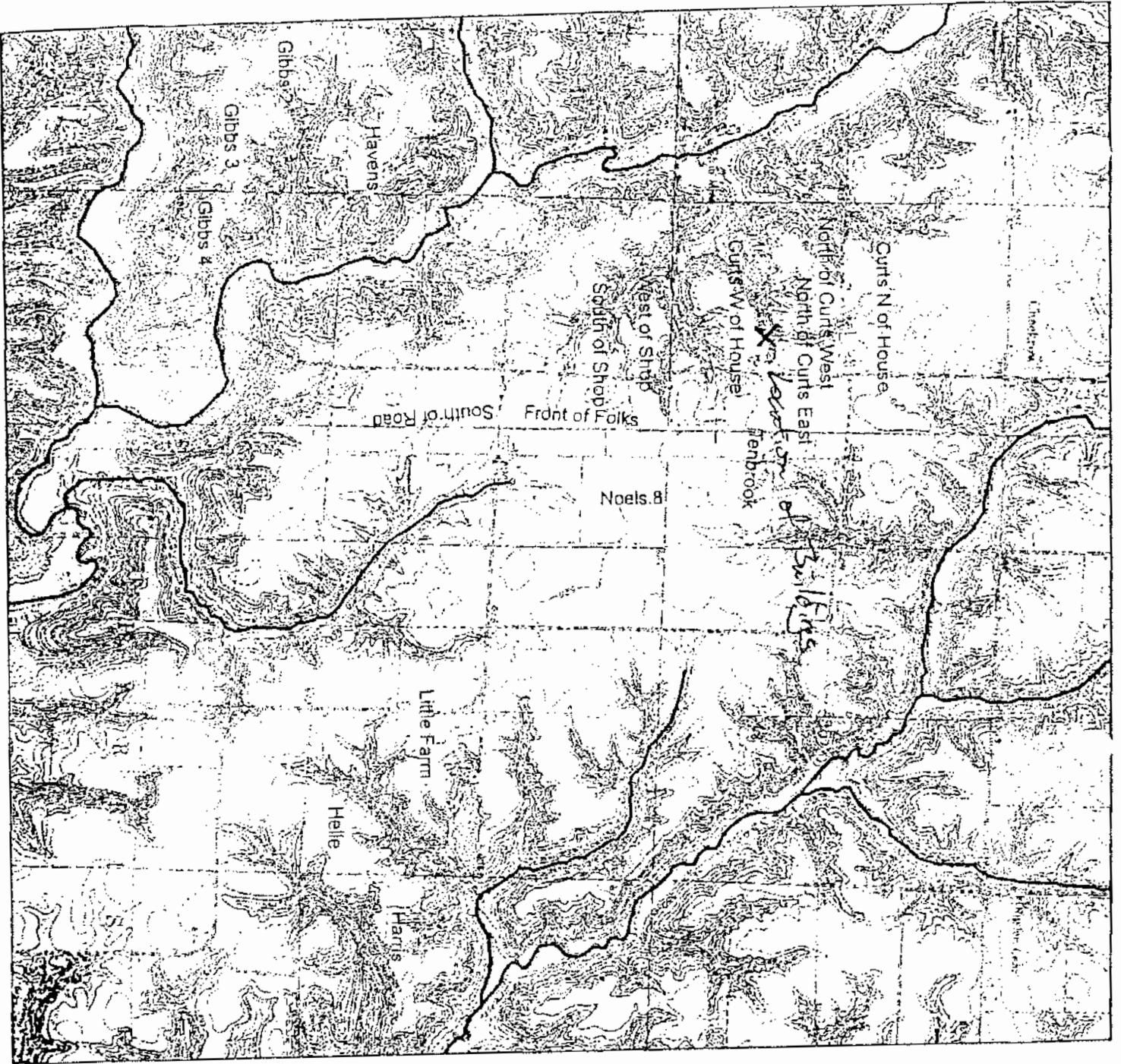
Application 3

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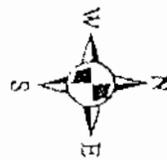
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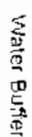
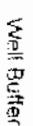
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# All Fields Topo Map



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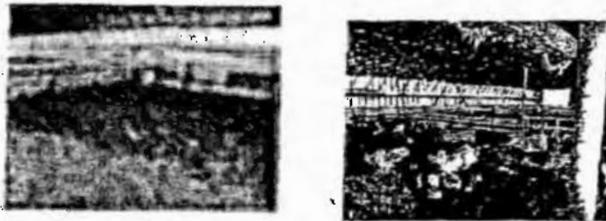
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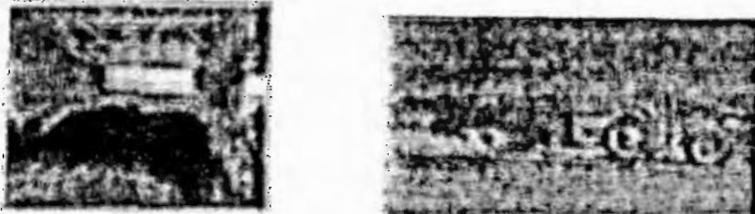


Cattle are housed inside both facilities. Cattle and manure are completely protected from rainwater, therefore eliminating possible runoff.

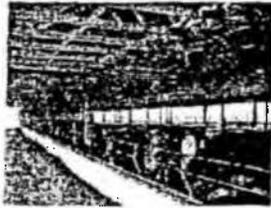
Barn #1 is a Bed Pack Barn. Cattle are placed inside the barn, which has a solid concrete floor with four foot concrete walls on three sides. The fourth side is open to the south and has concrete feedbunks. The total building is 66'x160'. Bedding is added on top of the concrete floor weekly to provide cattle comfort and absorb liquid.



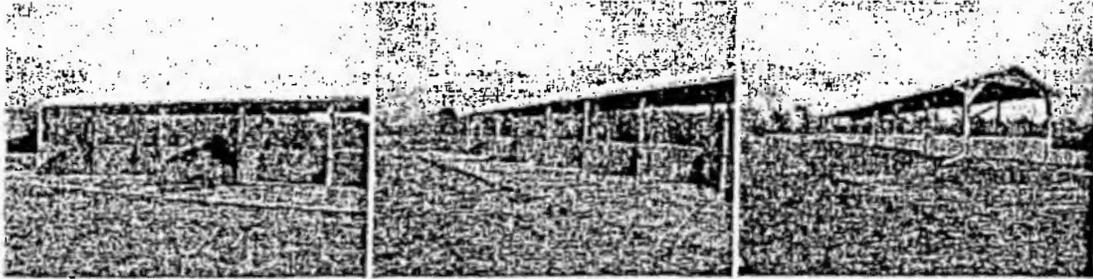
Weekly the manure and bedding from the front and back of the barn is cleaned and stockpiled in the manure storage area located on the west end of the barn. The storage area has a solid concrete floor, eight foot concrete walls and measures 25'x66'. This area is also completely covered and curbed in order to prevent possible runoff. Bedding in the middle area of the bed pack barn is allowed to build up and creates a hard bed pack on which the cattle can lay. Manure is stored until conditions are such that it can be applied to crop ground. Application is done with dry box spreader. The manure storage area is designed to hold six months of manure based on NRCS/EQIP calculations.



Barn #2 is a Slatted Floor Deep Pit Barn. Cattle are housed inside this building that has a 46' x 197'6" pit, which is 10' deep. Concrete slats on top of the pit allow manure and liquids to fall through the slats and into the pit below. Total capacity of the pit is calculated to be 598,365 gallons which is 282 days of manure storage, based on NRCS/EQIP calculations. This pit is pumped two times per year and applied to cropland using a mechanical pump and dragline system.



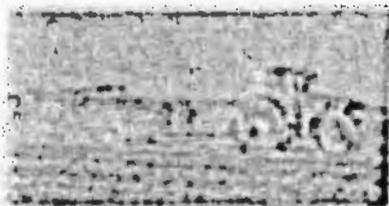
Section D - Pollution Control Facility *Building #3*



Dead cattle from the cattle barns are composted in the composting barn. Due to the roof structure, animals and composting material is completely protected from rainwater, eliminating possible runoff.

The composting barn has 10 composting bins which are 14'x14' with a solid concrete floor and 6' concrete walls which are 6" thick. Bins have walls on three sides with the south facing side open. Total building is 14'x146'5" with a 20' concrete apron on the south side. The number and size of the bins is calculated using NCRS/EQIP calculations and assumptions to handle the amount of mortalities for the size of the cattle operation.

Dead animals are placed in a compost bin and covered with composting material (woodchips, sawdust, etc). Once the compost bin is filled the pile is left for approximately 6 months in order for the animals to compost. After that time, the pile is turned in order to mix the material and allow oxygen into the pile. The pile is left for another 6-month period. At this time the animals should be completely broken-down. The bins are then emptied onto a manure spreader and spread on crop ground.



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Atten: Mr. Thad Faught,

Please find in this fax a copy of the application sent by Mr. Curt Strode to the Illinois EPA at the end of September of 2013. You will also find a United States Postal return receipt noting that our application was received in Springfield Illinois on October 02, 2013 as signed by a Mr. Jeff Baker.

As stated in our phone conversations this is the second application submitted. The First was submitted in the year of 2012. We do not have a return receipt for that application. When we repeatedly inquired on this application after it was submitted it too was not able to be found. We were told to resubmit which we did.

In the mean time my client real estate taxes have increase tremendously and are set to increase even more for the 2013 year payable in 2014.

We have been trying to get this application reviewed for almost two years. Any help you can give us would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

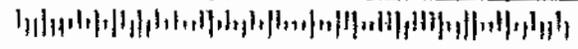
  
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