

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Bradley Colton Welch
(Property Identification Number
03-03-33-200-003)

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PCB No. 26 -
(Tax Certification)

NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have today filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Pollution Control Board an **APPEARANCE** and **RECOMMENDATION OF THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**, copies of which are herewith served upon you.

Bradley Colton Welch
1796 100th Avenue
Aledo, Illinois 61231

Don Brown, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
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Chicago, Illinois 60605

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Illinois Department of Revenue
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ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

By: 

Amanda Kimmel
Assistant Counsel
Division of Legal Counsel

DATED: July 15, 2025

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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.

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**RECOMMENDATION OF THE ILLINOIS
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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 ("Board"), 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.204.

1. On August 6, 2024, the Illinois EPA received a request from Bradley Colton Welch (Log number TC-151612, 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 facility's address is: Bradley Colton Welch
1268 130th Street
Aledo, Illinois 61231

The proposed water pollution control facilities in this request are located in the

NE ¼ of Section 33, T15N, R4W of the 4th P.M. in Mercer County, at the above street address and consist of the following livestock waste management structures¹:

One (1) concrete swine barn deep manure pit measuring 71' (width) x 277' (length) x 8' (depth) with six (6) 6' (length) x 6' (width) x 8' (depth) concrete pump out pits. The concrete slatted floor covering the manure pit (approximately 19,667 sq. ft.). The perimeter drainage tile surrounding the entire perimeter of the concrete footings of the manure pit measuring approximately 2" (width) x 5" (tall) x 696' (length). One (1) inspection port for the perimeter tile measuring approximately 8' (depth) x 4" (diameter).

¹ Please see the note in the Agency Review Notes that this structure is a second barn on the same property as the structure that was certified in the tax certification, *Bradley Colton Welch*, PCB 2020-076.

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


3. Section 11-10 of the Property Tax Code, 35 ILCS 200/11-10 (2024), and Section 125.200(a) of the Board's regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.200(a), define "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: eliminating, preventing, or reducing air or water pollution ...or 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.

4. In order to receive preferential tax treatment as pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/11-5 (2024), pollution control facilities must be certified as such by the Board, 35 ILCS 200/11-20 (2024) and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.200(a).
5. Upon receipt of a tax certification application, the Illinois EPA must file a recommendation on the application with the Board, 35 Ill Adm. Code 125.204(a).
6. Based on the information in the application and the purpose of the facility, it is the Illinois EPA's engineering judgment that the described facilities 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.

WHEREFORE, the Illinois EPA recommends that the Board issue the requested
tax certification.

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Dated: July 15, 2025

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Memorandum

To: Mike Roubitchek, Division of Legal Counsel

From: Darin E. LeCrone, P.E., Manager, Permit Section, Division of Water Pollution Control, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency *DL*

Date: JUN 10 2025

Re: Bradley Colton Welch
Recommendation of Tax Certification
Log No.: TC-151612
BOW ID No.: W1318050017
Property Index Number: 03-03-33-200-003

The Bureau of Water received a request on August 06, 2024 from Bradley Colton Welch, having a principal place of business at 1796 100th Ave., Aledo, IL 61231, for an Illinois EPA recommendation regarding the tax certification of water pollution control facilities pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.204. We offer the following recommendation.

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

Bradley Colton Welch
1268 130th St.
Aledo, IL 61231

NE ¼ of Section 33, Township 15N, Range 4W of the 4th PM in Mercer County.

Livestock waste management facilities consisting of:

One (1) concrete swine barn deep manure pit measuring 71' (width) x 277' (length) x 8' (depth) with six (6) 6' (length) x 6' (width) x 8' (depth) concrete pump out pits. The concrete slatted floor covering the manure pit (approximately 19,667 sq. ft.). The perimeter drainage tile surrounding the entire perimeter of the concrete footings of the manure pit measuring approximately 2" (width) x 5" (tall) x 696' (length). One (1) inspection port for the perimeter tile measuring approximately 8 ft. (depth) x 4 in. (diameter).

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 Ill. Adm. Code 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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Tax Certification Recommendation

Log No. TC-151612

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

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Stephanie Burge-Bollero at 217/557-8666.

SAB:TC-151612_Tax Cert Recommendation_24Feb25.docx

cc: Tax Cert File

Illinois EPA - Bureau of Water - Division of Pollution Control

Title 35 Subtitle A Part 125 Tax Certifications

Illinois EPA Review Notes for:

Agency Recommendation of Pollution Control Facilities.

BOW ID #: W1318050017

Project Name: Bradley Colton Welch

Date application received: 08/06/2024

Reviewer: SAB

Log number: TC-151612

Legal Description:
NE ¼ of Section 33, T15N, R4W of the 4th P.M.

County: Mercer

Facility Contact: Bradley Colton Welch
1796 100th Ave
Aledo, IL 61231

Phone: 309/371-8181

Pollution Control Facility Type:

Swine Livestock Waste Management Facility

Property ID: 03-03-33-200-003

Applicant: Bradley Colton Welch
1796 100th Ave
Aledo, IL 61231

Facility: Bradley Colton Welch
1268 130th St.
Aledo, IL 61231

Date Control Devices installed: November 2023

Application Signature by: Bradley Colton Welch

Title: Owner

Contents of Application: Application for Certification (Property Tax Treatment) Pollution Control Facility, Flow Diagram, Drawing

Is there a pollutant control flow diagram? **Yes**

N/A: Pollution control diagram not included with application and not requested due to simplicity.

Is there sufficient diagrams showing the pollution control facilities? **Yes**

This facility generates the following pollutants and prevents their discharge as indicated:

Livestock waste is collected and land applied to cropland.

Physical description of pollution control facilities that ARE recommended:

One (1) concrete swine barn deep manure pit measuring 71' (width) x 277' (length) x 8' (depth) with six (6) 6' (length) x 6' (width) x 8' (depth) concrete pump out pits. The concrete slatted floor covering the manure pit (approximately 19,667 sq. ft.). The perimeter drainage tile surrounding the entire perimeter of the concrete footings of the manure pit measuring approximately 2" (width) x 5" (tall) x 696' (length). One (1) inspection port for the perimeter tile measuring approximately 8 ft. (depth) x 4 in. (diameter).

Notes:

Applicant reached out to IEPA per phone call on 12/19/2024 to inquire about status of application and to clarify application. Applicant wanted to clarify that he already has a barn at this location that was approved by the pollution control board previously in 2020. Applicant states that this

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application is for a different barn at the same location and is not the same barn that previously received certification. This application lists installation date of November of 2023.

Nothing follows – SAB - (December 23, 2024)



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Division of Water Pollution Control

Tax Certification Form for Livestock Operations

This form's purpose is for the application for tax certification of water pollution control facilities at a livestock operation in accordance with 35 Ill. Admin. Code Part 125. For purposes of this form, a water pollution control facility ("facility") is designed, constructed, installed or operated for the primary purpose of eliminating, preventing, or reducing water pollution. Multiple facilities may be submitted using this form; however, all facilities must be located on the same livestock operation site. Separate applications must be completed for separate livestock operations.

All other types of operations (e.g. industrial, agrichemical, etc.) and air pollution control facilities must use form IL 532-0222 APC 151 (Application for Certification (Property Tax Treatment) Pollution Control Facility).

Please follow the instructions found throughout this form. If you need additional assistance with filling out this form, please call the Bureau of Water at 217-782-3362. Additional information about the tax certification process and applicable regulations including definitions may be found at the Agency website: www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/forms/water-permits/tax-certification.

I. Applicant Information

Company: Bradley Colton Welch

Person Authorized to Receive Certification

Name: Bradley Colton Welch

Street Addr: 1796 100th Ave

City: Aledo State: IL ZIP: 61231

Phone: 3093718181 ext: _____

Email: biddlefarm@icloud.com

Person to Contact for Additional Details

Name: Bradley Colton Welch

Street Addr: 1796 100th Ave

City: Aledo State: IL ZIP: 61231

Phone: 3093718181 ext: _____

Email: biddlefarm@icloud.com

II. Livestock Operation Information

Site Location

The location of the parcel of land where the facilities are located and given by quarter section, township, range and county must be provided. The Public Land Survey System information is available on county plat maps or at www.isgs.illinois.edu/plss. A plat map location is requested for facilities located outside of municipal boundaries.

Quarter Section: 33 Township: T15N Range: R4W Prime Meridian: 4th County: Mercer

Municipality Name: _____ Township Name: Duncan

Street Address: 1268 130th St City: Aledo State: IL ZIP: 61231

Property Index Number(s): 03-03-33-200-003

A property index number (PIN) for the parcel of land where pollution control facilities are located is required. If multiple PINs are applicable to the requested facilities, you must identify all applicable PINs in the above line and in Section III below. If you do not know your PIN you may obtain it from your records or your County's tax assessors website which may be found on the Illinois Department of Revenue website at www2.illinois.gov/rev/Individuals/Pages/IllinoisCounties.aspx.

Livestock Activities: Provide descriptions of the livestock operations including type of animals at the site. (Text box will expand.)

Swine production

Pollution Control Facility Number1Name of pollution control facility: Bradley Colton Welch

Provide a physical description including all pertinent dimensions (length, width, depth, diameter), construction materials (e.g. steel, HDPE, concrete block, etc.), and rating (e.g. 10 HP centrifugal pump). (Text box will expand.)

one concrete manure pit (71ftx277ftx8ft deep) with 6 concrete pit pump outs (each 6 ft x 6 ft x 8 ft deep) and the slatted concrete portion of the floor over the manure pit. manure pit is surrounded by 696 ft x 4 in Form A drain plastic perimeterIs the requested facility used 100 percent for elimination, prevention, or reduction of water pollution? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If No, list all other uses of the facility and provide a use-percentage estimate for each of those other uses.

swine productionOriginal cost of the pollution control facility: 300,000Date of installation or status of installation: November 2023

Property Index Number (PIN): _____

Applicable Illinois EPA permit number(s): _____

Are supplemental diagrams or construction drawings for this pollution control facility attached to the application? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please label the diagram with the specific pollution control facility number identified above.

Click "Add a Facility" to add another set of facility questions for each requested facility. A number will automatically be assigned to the additional facility. Please use this number when labeling facilities in the diagram required in Part A of this Section. Handwritten submittals must also include one set of questions per requested pollution control facility. Use the "Delete last Facility" button to remove excess questions.

Add a facility

Delete last facility

IV. Discharge Point Locations and Receiving Waters

Provide a written description of the surface water drainage characteristics of the operation which may convey wastewater or polluted stormwater runoff from the facility to downstream waterways. Identify the location(s) on the property at which runoff or surface discharge leaves the property.

Identify local ditches, streams, rivers, ponds or lakes that may receive wastewater or polluted stormwater runoff from the operation. Also identify any named waterways that are immediately downstream from the local waterway.

V. Approvals of Application and Signature

The information on this form and attachments is submitted in accordance with the Illinois Property Tax Code, as amended, and to the best of my knowledge is true and correct.

Any person who knowingly makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent material statement, orally or in writing, to the Illinois EPA commits a Class 4 felony. A second or subsequent offense after conviction is a Class 3 felony. (415 ILCS 5/44(h))

Bradley Colton Welch

Printed Name

Bradley Colton Welch

Signature

Owner

Title

7-30-24

Date

Pollutant Sources: Identify potential sources of water pollution that are being controlled (i.e., beef feedlot runoff, swine manure, silage leachate, etc.). Provide estimated quantities of each pollutant that is produced in gallons per year. (Text box will expand.)

swine manure. approximately 700,000 gallons/year

Are the pollutants collected by the facility and applied?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If No, provide a description of the final disposition of the pollutants which are collected by the facility.

III. Pollution Control Facility Information

Applicant must ensure each requested pollution control facility is represented accurately in both Part A and Part B of this Section.

Part A. Operational Diagram

Using the space provided below or on a separate sheet of paper, provide a plan sketch or map of the livestock operation scaled to show the location and layout of all the requested facilities. All requested facilities must be clearly identified on this diagram. Each facility should be labeled with the pollution control facility number identified in Part B of this Section and primary dimensions to help distinguish between other requested facilities. Please include labels of roadways, downstream waterways, other important landmarks and a north seeking arrow.

☒ Check this box if the required diagram was completed on a separate sheet and attached to this application.

Part B. Pollution Control Facility Data

For each separate requested pollution control facility in this application, provide written or typed responses to all of the following questions. Use the button below the questions to add blank questions for each additional requested facility.

VI. Submittal of Your Application

Completing this Form: The absence of information requested in this form may result in denial of your application for tax certification. If information is omitted, Agency staff will determine when and if such information or data is essential and may contact you to obtain this information to complete its review. This application form may be completed and stored locally in electronic form for future printing. Electronic submittal or email submittal of this form is not authorized. If handwritten, the form must be legibly completed.

Attachments: Please only send attachments on 8.5" x 11" paper, do not send 11" x 17" sheets.

Please mail the completed and signed form and necessary attachments to:

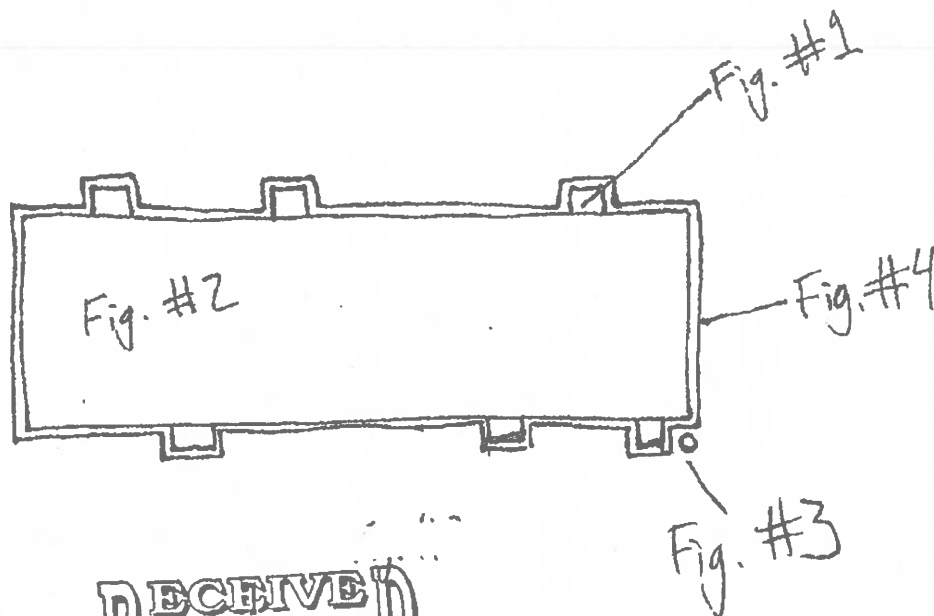
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Division of Water Pollution Control, Mail Code #15
Attention: Permit Section
1021 North Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

Narrative Description of Pollution Control Facility with Diagram

One wean-to-finish high building measuring (71' x 277' x 8' deep pit). Building consists of concrete foundation and concrete slatted floors over 100% of the (71' x 277' x 8' deep pit). Finished grade around the building will prevent fresh water from running into the pit. Manure storage is adequate to contain 14 months of manure production which will safely protect the well and nearby crop from contamination. An inspection port (8' deep with an 4" diameter plastic tile access) provides monitoring access to the perimeter drain tile around the building and soil near the pit area. Manure from the pit will be pumped annually and applied through sub-surface injection at an appropriate agronomic rate to the nearby crop land.

Building (71' x 277' x 8' deep pit) diagram:

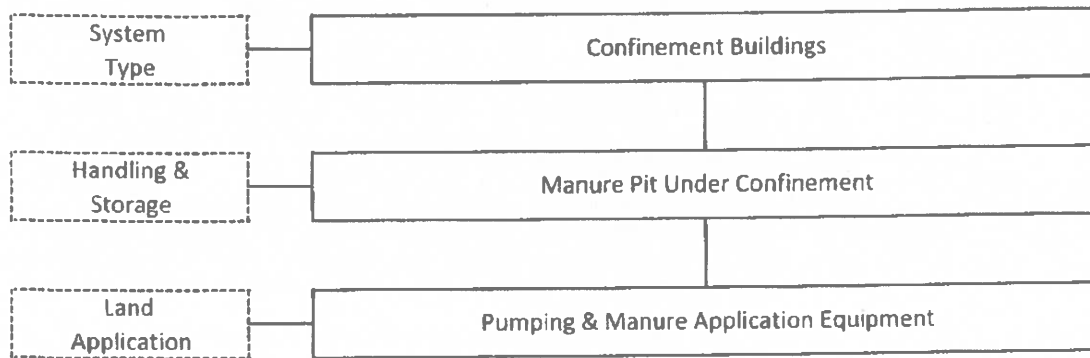
- Grass vegetation will surround the building and field road.
- 6 concrete pit pump outs measuring (6' x 6' x 8' deep) protrude on both sides of the building foundation. The concrete pit pump outs indicate where the manure will be removed annually and then applied at an appropriate agronomic rate to the neighboring crop land. See Fig. #1
- Slatted concrete flooring over the liquid manure pit. See Fig. #2
- Inspection port for perimeter tile surrounding the building. See Fig. #3
- Perimeter tile surrounding entire perimeter of pit floor (2" wide x 5" tall x 696' surrounding pit floor). See Fig. #4



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Manure Generation Flow Diagram



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Property Information		
Parcel Number 03-03-33-200-003	Site Address	Owner Name & Address WELCH, BRADLEY COLTON 1796 100TH AVE ALED0, IL, 61231
Tax Year 2023 (Payable 2024) ▼		
Sale Status None	Neighborhood Code	Land Use
Property Class 0011 - Homesite-Dwelling	Tax Code 03005 -	Tax Status Taxable
Net Taxable Value 142,811	Tax Rate 7.655910	Total Tax \$10,933.48
Township Duncan	Acres 3.1200	Mailing Address
Tract Number	Lot Size	TIF Base Value 0
Legal Description S33 T15N R4W A TRACT OF LAND IN PT SE CORNER OF THE N 91 AC OF THE NE1/4 AS DESC SURVEY 397261 BAL 3.12 AC		

Billing				
	1st Installment (Due 06/21/2024)	2nd Installment (Due 09/13/2024)	Totals	
Tax Billed	\$5,466.74	\$5,466.74	\$10,933.48	
Penalty Billed	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Cost Billed	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Fees/Liens/SSA Billed	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Billed	\$5,466.74	\$5,466.74	\$10,933.48	
Amount Paid	\$5,466.74	\$5,466.74	\$10,933.48	
Total Unpaid	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Paid By	WELCH, BRADLEY COLTON	WELCH, BRADLEY COLTON		
Date Paid	6/20/2024	9/12/2024		

No Exemptions

Farmland			
Land Type	Acres	EAV	
CROPLAND	1.9000	649	
OTHER FARMLAND	1.0700	61	
PUBLIC ROAD	0.1500	0	
Totals	3.1200	710	
Click to open Farmland Details			

Parcel Genealogy					
Relationship	Parcel Number	Action	Year	Change Effective Year	Completed
Parent Parcel	030333200001	Split	2019	2019	Yes

Related Names			
Parcel Owner	WELCH, BRADLEY COLTON 1796 100TH AVE ALED0, IL, 61231		
Deed Document #	2019397262		
Mailing Flags	Tax Bill	Change Notice	
	Delinquent Notice	Exemption Notice	

Payment History			
Tax Year	Total Billed	Total Paid	Amount Unpaid
2023	\$10,933.48	\$10,933.48	\$0.00
2022	\$11,161.24	\$11,161.24	\$0.00
2021	\$43.42	\$43.42	\$0.00
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Zoning		
Code	Classification	Special Use?
R-1	Single Family Residence Distri	No

No Redemptions

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF SANGAMON

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned attorney at law, hereby certify that I have served on the date of July 15, 2025, the attached **NOTICE**, **APPEARANCE** and **RECOMMENDATION OF THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**, upon the following persons by causing to be mailed a true copy thereof in an envelope duly addressed, bearing proper first class postage, and deposited in the United States mail at Springfield, Illinois:

Bradley Colton Welch
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Aledo, Illinois 61231

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