

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Independence Pork, LLC)	
(Property Identification Number)	PCB No. 26 -
17-11-400-008))	(Tax Certification)
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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.

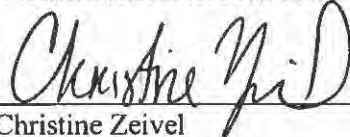
Independence Pork, LLC
Carrie Pollard
2435 Bethany Road
Sycamore, Illinois 60178

Don Brown, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
60 E. Van Buren St., Ste. 630
Chicago, Illinois 60605

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Springfield, Illinois 62794

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

By: 
Christine Zeivel
Assistant Counsel
Division of Legal Counsel

DATED: July 23, 2025

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
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BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

**Independence Park, LLC
(Property Identification Number
17-11-400-008)**


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**PCB No. 26-
(Tax Certification)**

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 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 December 18, 2023, the Illinois EPA received a request from Independence Pork, LLC (Log number TC-148756, 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: Independence Pork, LLC
4091 Maplewood Road
Waterman, Illinois 60556

The proposed water pollution control facilities in this request are located in the SE ¼ of Section 11, T37N, R4E of the 4th P.M. in DeKalb County, at the above street address and consist of the following livestock waste management structures:

One (1) concrete swine breeding and gestation barn manure pit measuring approximately 208 ft. (length) x 317 ft. (width) x 12 ft. (depth), four (4) 6 ft. (length) x 6 ft. (width) x 12 ft. (depth) concrete pumpouts and approximately 63,900 sq. ft. of concrete slatted flooring over the manure pit.

Nine (9) concrete pits each measuring 41.83 ft. (length) x 90 ft. (width) within the concrete farrowing barn manure pit, and one concrete pit measuring 25 ft. (length) x 90 ft. (width) under the holding area, and the wire and cast iron flooring over the manure pits.

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

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3. Section 11-10 of the Property Tax Code, 35 ILCS 200/11-10 (2022), 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 (2022), pollution control facilities must be certified as such by the Board, 35 ILCS 200/11-20 (2022) 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.

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

By: 
Christine Zeivel
Assistant Counsel
Division of Legal Counsel

Dated: July 23, 2025

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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 23, 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:

Independence Pork, LLC
Carrie Pollard
2435 Bethany Road
Sycamore, Illinois 60178

Copies also provided electronically as follows:

Illinois Department of Revenue
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ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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JB PRITZKER, GOVERNOR

JAMES JENNINGS, ACTING DIRECTOR

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: JUL 15 2025

Re: Independence Pork, LLC - Waterman
Recommendation of Tax Certification
Log No.: TC-148756
BOW ID No.: W0378180001
Property Index Number: 17-11-400-008

The Bureau of Water received a request on December 18, 2023 from Carrie Pollard, having a principal place of business at 2435 Bethany Rd., Sycamore, IL 60178, 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.

Independence Pork, LLC
4091 Maplewood Rd.
Waterman, IL 60556

SE 1/4 of Section 11, Township 37-North, Range 4-East of the 4th PM in DeKalb County.

Livestock waste management facilities consisting of:

One (1) concrete swine breeding and gestation barn manure pit measuring approximately 208 ft. (length) x 317 ft. (width) x 12 ft. (depth), four (4) 6 ft. (length) x 6 ft. (width) x 12 ft. (depth) concrete pumpouts and approximately 63,900 sq. ft. of concrete slatted flooring over the manure pit.

Nine (9) concrete pits each measuring 41.83 ft. (length) x 90 ft. (width) within the concrete farrowing barn manure pit, and one concrete pit measuring 25 ft. (length) x 90 ft. (width) under the holding area, and the wire and cast iron flooring over the manure pits.

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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1101 Eastport Plaza Dr., Suite 100, Collinsville, IL 62234 (618) 346-5120
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Tax Certification Recommendation

Log No. TC-148756

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Webert Deslien at 217/782-0610.

DRG: WJD: TC-148756 Tax Cert Recommendation 7July25.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 #: W0378180001

Project Name: Independence Pork - Waterman

Date application received: 12/18/2023

Reviewer: WJD

Log number: TC-148756

Legal Description:
SE 1/4 of Section 11, Township 37-North, Range
4-East of the 4th P.M.

County: DeKalb

Facility Contact: Carrie Pollard
2435 Bethany Rd.
Sycamore, IL 60178

Phone: 815-756-3279

Pollution Control Facility Type:
Swine Livestock Waste Management Facility

Property ID: 17-11-400-008

Applicant: Independence Pork, LLC
2435 Bethany Rd.
Sycamore, IL 60178

Facility: Independence Pork
4091 Maplewood Rd.
Waterman, IL 60531

Date Control Devices installed: In progress; Jan
2024

Application Signature by: Carrie Pollard

Title: Technical Services Manager

Contents of Application: Tax Certification Form for Livestock Operations, Facility Map, Flow Diagram

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

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:

Project Livestock waste management facilities consisting of:

One (1) concrete swine breeding and gestation barn manure pit measuring approximately 208 ft. (length) x 317 ft. (width) x 12 ft. (depth), four (4) 6 ft. (length) x 6 ft. (width) x 12 ft. (depth) concrete pumpouts and approximately 63,900 sq. ft. of concrete slatted flooring over the manure pit.

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The primary purpose of the building is to have years' worth of livestock manure storage to allow flexibility for application to agricultural fields when conditions are ideal.

Notes:

All water from the facility would flow off roofs and away from the building. Then it would enter a designed storm water collection system that would funnel surface water drainage to an on site retention pond. The pond outlets thru tile and a pumping station to the drainage ditch immediately to the north. All wastewater from manure is captured via the deep pit. Additionally, the farm has a plan to stop discharge from reaching waters of the state should an emergency occur.

Emailed Carrie Pollard on 12/31 asking confirmation of the description of the area under the pit for the proposed Pollution Control Facility # 2 (New Farrowing). That same day, Carrie provided a diagram confirming the description of the several different pits under the farrowing rooms and holding area.

Emailed Carrie Pollard on 5/6 asking the applicant to provide a sketch showing the layout and dimensions of the separate pits under the farrowing room and holding area. The following day, we received an updated diagram from the applicant.

Nothing follows-- WJD - (May 22, 2025)



Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

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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, agricultural, etc.) and air pollution control facilities must use form IL 532-0222

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: Independence Pork, LLC

Person Authorized to Receive Certification

Name: Carrie Pollard

Street Addr: 2435 Bethany Rd.

City: Sycamore State: IL ZIP: 60178

Phone: 815-756-3279 ext: _____

Email: carrie.pollard@pipestone.com

Person to Contact for Additional Details

Name: Carrie Pollard

Street Addr: 2435 Bethany Rd.

City: Sycamore State: IL ZIP: 60178

Phone: 815-756-3279 ext: _____

Email: carrie.pollard@pipestone.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.lsgs.illinois.edu/plss

Quarter Section: SE Township: 37N Range: 4E Prime Meridian: 4 County: DeKalb

Municipality Name: Waterman

Township Name: Victor

Street Address: 4091 Maplewood Rd.

City: Waterman State: IL ZIP: 0

Property Index Number(s): 17-11-400-008

☐ Add PIN ☐ Del. PIN

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 breeding & farrowing facility with ~5600 sows

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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 is controlled with the concrete deep pit facilities

Are the pollutants collected by the facility land 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.

Pollution Control Facility Number 1

Name of pollution control facility: New Gestation

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.)

Concrete manure pit, 208' x 317', 12' deep with four 6' x 6', 12' deep concrete pumpouts as well as the concrete slatted floor over the manure pit

Is 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.

Original cost of the pollution control facility: \$1,300,000

Date of installation or status of installation: In progress; Jan 2024

Property Index Number (PIN): 17-11-400-008

Applicable Illinois EPA permit number(s): n/a

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.

Pollution Control Facility Number 2Name of pollution control facility: New Farrowing

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.)

Concrete manure pit 196' x 258' with a 2' deep concrete pit and the wire & cast iron flooring over the manure pitIs 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.

Original cost of the pollution control facility: \$600,000Date of installation or status of installation: in progress; Jan 2024Property Index Number (PIN): 17-11-400-008

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.

Pollution Control Facility Number 3

Name of pollution control facility: _____

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.)

Is 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.

Original cost of the pollution control facility: _____

Date of installation or status of installation: _____

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.

All water from the facility would flow off roofs and away from the building. Then it would enter a designed storm water collection system that would funnel surface water drainage to an on site retention pond. The pond outlets thru tile and a pumping station to the drainage ditch immediately to the north. All wastewater from manure is captured via the deep pit, so no contaminated 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.

The nearest named waterway would be the Little Indian Creek drainage ditch 2750' to the north of the facility. All wastewater from manure is captured via the deep pit, so no contaminated discharge should leave the property. Additionally, the farm has a plan to stop discharge from reaching waters of the state should an emergency occur.

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))

Carrie Pollard

Printed Name

Technical Services Manager

Title

Carrie R Pollard

Signature

12-14-2023

Date

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.

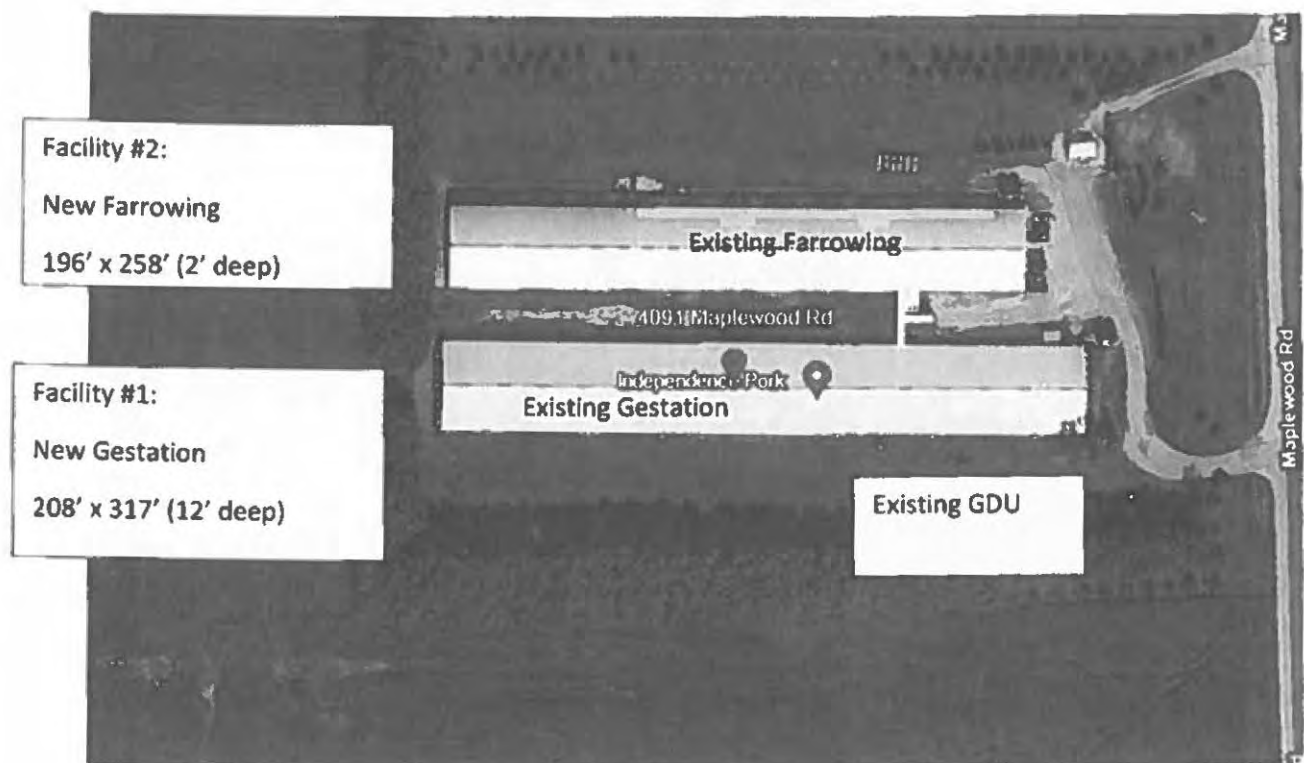
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Please mail the completed and signed form and necessary attachments to:

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Division of Water Pollution Control, Mail Code #15
Attention: Permit Section
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Independence Pork, LLC

Pollution Control Application



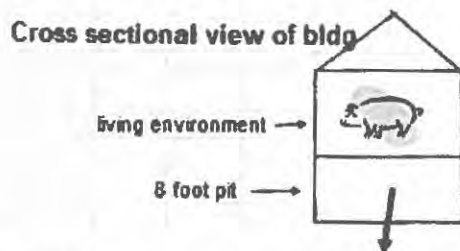
Application for Pollution Control Facility

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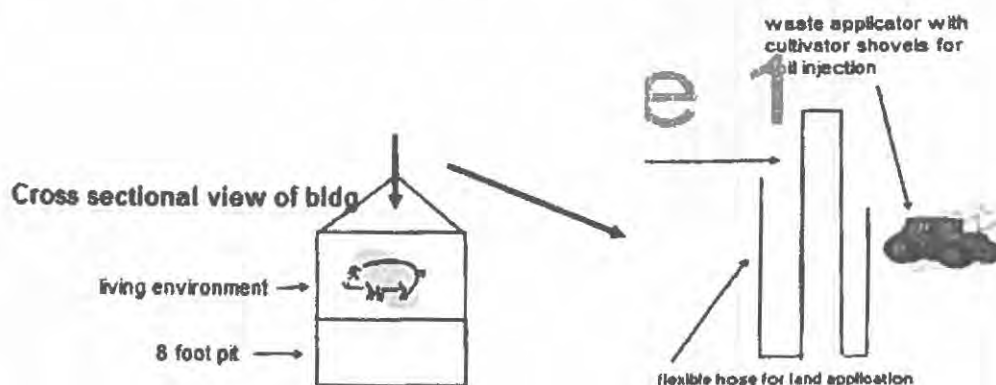
Independence Pork, LLC

Concrete manure pits under these swine buildings should eliminate any pollution. The parts of the structure would be the slatted concrete floor, the pit itself, and associated structural components (beams, columns, etc.).

Manure travels from the pig, vertically through the concrete slatted floor into the 2' or 12' deep concrete pits for the various buildings. The farrowing 2' deep pit is connected to the gestation barn via a PVC sewer line drain that gravity drains the 2' pull plug pits. Manure can be manually pumped between pits to allow for increased storage.



Two to three times per year, that manure is then pumped via dragline or tankers & injected directly into nearby farmland for nutrient values.



December 14, 2023

IL EPA
Permit Section
Division of Water Pollution Control
PO Box 19276
Springfield, IL 62794-9281

Included is an application for certification of a pollution control facility for Independence Pork, LLC in Dekalb County as well as an application for Precision Pork, LLC in Lee County.

Both sites already have existing certifications but recently underwent an expansion project.

Precision Pork placed their facilities into service in August 2023.

Independence Pork is in the process of construction and would expect to place their facilities into service in January 2024.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carrie Pollard at Pipestone Veterinary Services at 815-756-3279.

Sincerely,



Carrie Pollard

Technical Services Manager

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Deslien, Webert

From: Deslien, Webert
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 2:48 PM
To: Carrie Pollard
Cc: Burge-Bollero, Stephanie
Subject: RE: Independence Pork - update?

Carrie,

Thanks for the updated diagram. After further review and discussion, we've decided to proceed with the 9 rooms within the farrowing barn manure pit and the holding area for that facility.

Nine (9) concrete pits each measuring 41.83 ft. (length) x 90 ft. (width) within the concrete farrowing barn manure pit, and one concrete pit measuring 25 ft. (length) x 90 ft. (width) under the holding area, and the wire and cast iron flooring over the manure pits.

Thanks,

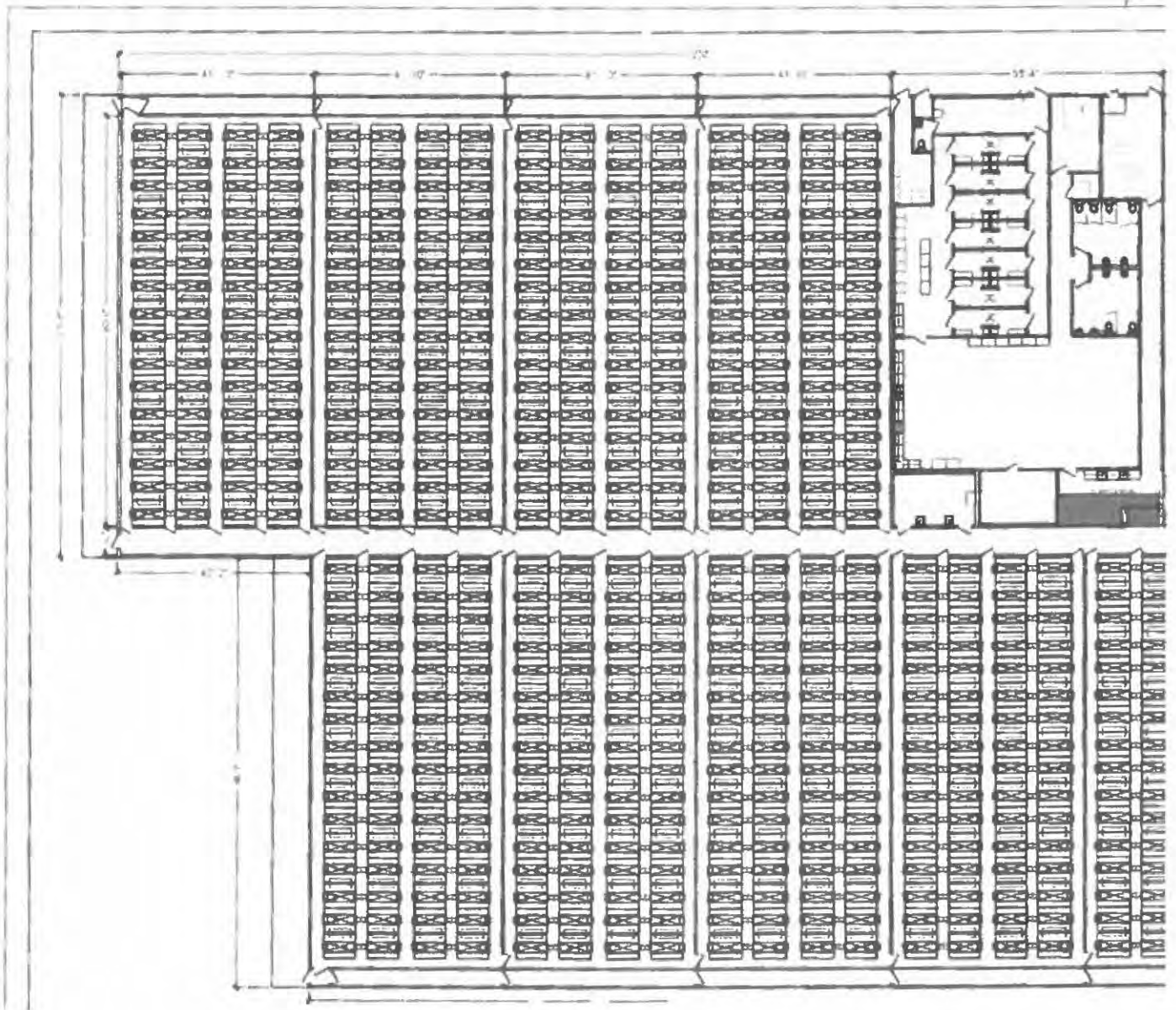
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From: Carrie Pollard <Carrie.Pollard@pipestone.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 10:39 AM
To: Deslien, Webert <Webert.Deslien@Illinois.gov>
Cc: Burge-Bollero, Stephanie <Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] RE: Independence Pork - update?

I'm not sure what you mean by 'Main Farrowing Barn pit'. I think you've doubled that up. The 'Main Farrowing Barn pit' is in actuality all of these rooms put together.

9 rooms – each 90' x 41' = 3,690 ft² * 9 rooms = 33,219 ft²
Holding room – 90' x 25' = 2,250 ft²
Total ft² = 35,460 ft²
Depth = 2' (1.5' usable) = 53,190 ft³



From: Deslien, Webert <Webert.Deslien@Illinois.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 7:45 AM
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Subject: RE: Independence Park - update?

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- Pipestone IT Helpdesk

This is what I've calculated:

Structure Description	Length (ft)	Width (ft)	Depth (ft)	No. of Units	Area per Unit (sq ft)	Total Area (sq ft)	Total Volume (ft ³)
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Main Farrowing Barn Pit	196	258	2	1	50,568	50,568	101,136
Concrete Pits under Farrowing Rooms	41.83	90	1.5	9	3,764.70	33,882.30	50,823.45
Concrete Pit under Holding Area	25	90	1.5	1	2,250	2,250	3,375
Wire & Cast Iron Flooring (Over Pit Only)	-	-	-	-	-	50,600	-

Is the remaining ~16,700 sq ft (50,568 - 33,882) likely pit-free or includes other facility features?

Thanks,
Webert

From: Carrie Pollard <Carrie.Pollard@pipestone.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:53 PM
To: Deslien, Webert <Webert.Deslien@Illinois.gov>
Cc: Burge-Bollero, Stephanie <Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: Independence Pork - update?

Quick math, that 50k number is likely ft3 vs ft2.
 Does that help it math for you?
 The 30k ft2 * 1.5 ft deep of storage.

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From: Deslien, Webert <Webert.Deslien@Illinois.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:30:33 PM
To: Carrie Pollard <Carrie.Pollard@pipestone.com>
Cc: Burge-Bollero, Stephanie <Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@Illinois.gov>
Subject: RE: Independence Pork - update?

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Hi Carrie,

Sorry about the delay. We are still unclear on whether the drawing provided shows what is being described in the form. Based on our calculations, the square footage provided for the nine farrowing room pits and the single holding area totals approximately 36,132 sq ft, which is substantially less than the 50,568 sq ft area estimated for the farrowing barn pit. Can you please provide a sketch showing the layout and dimensions of the separate pits under the farrowing rooms and holding area?

Sincerely,

Webert Deslien

Environmental Protection Engineer
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From: Carrie Pollard <Carrie.Pollard@pipestone.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2025 2:56 PM
To: Deslien, Webert <Webert.Deslien@Illinois.gov>
Cc: Burge-Bollero, Stephanie <Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] RE: Independence Pork - update?

Deslien-

I haven't heard any updates on this. Can you tell me where this project currently stands?
I did not receive a PTAX form for the new barns for the 2025 assessment year in my packet with the others I receive.

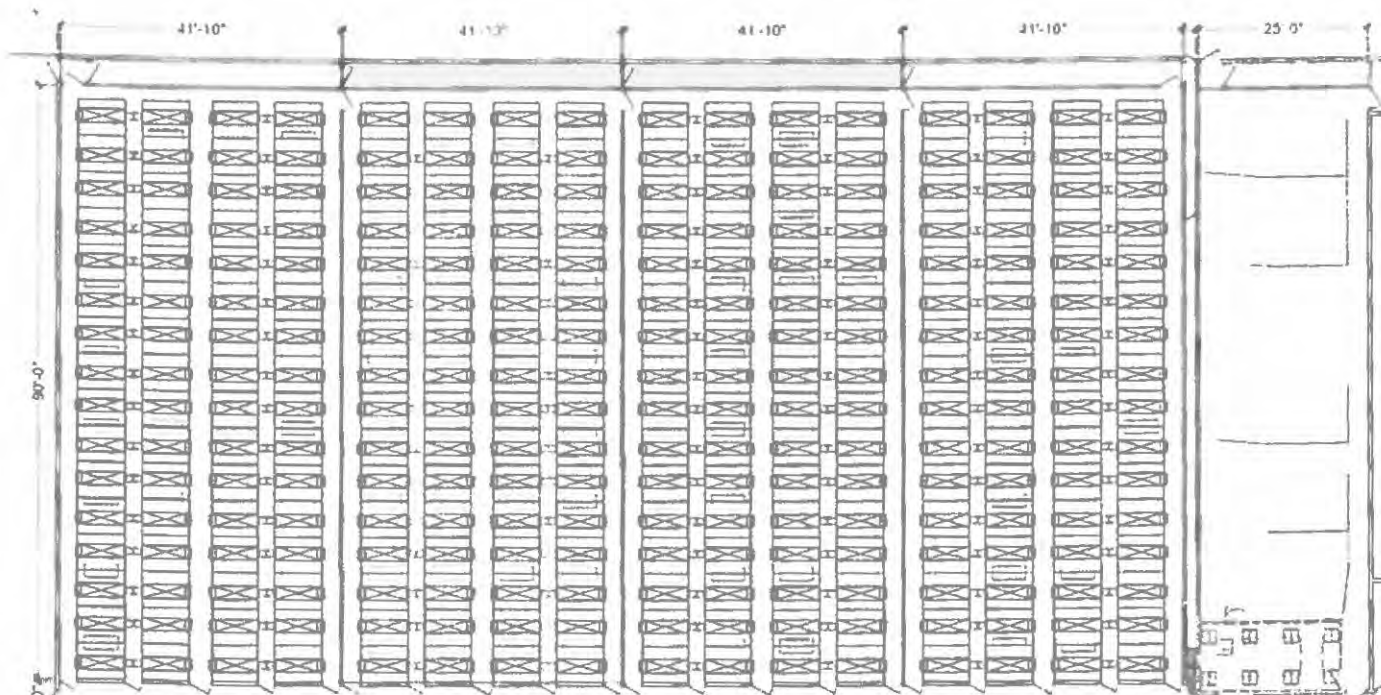
Thanks,
Carrie Pollard

From: Carrie Pollard
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2024 12:30 PM
To: Deslien, Webert <Webert.Deslien@Illinois.gov>
Cc: Burge-Bollero, Stephanie <Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@Illinois.gov>
Subject: RE: Independence Pork - update?

Correct, it is technically several different pits, but they share walls. All pits are concrete with concrete or wire mesh floors over them.

9 pits under the farrowing rooms themselves: each 41'10" x 90'

1 pit under the holding area: 25' x 90'



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

Thanks,
Carrie



Carrie Pollard

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From: Deslien, Webert <Webert.Deslien@Illinois.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2024 7:46 AM

To: Carrie Pollard <Carrie.Pollard@pipestone.com>

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Good morning, Carrie,

In order to make a determination for your Pollution Control Facility Number 2 (New Farrowing), can you clarify the description provided:

Could you confirm whether the entire area beneath the farrowing barn (196 ft. x 258 ft.) is a single, unified deep concrete manure pit, or if this area comprises several separate pits with different dimensions? This will help ensure an accurate understanding of the facility's design and compliance considerations.

Sincerely,

Webert Deslien

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From: Burge-Bollero, Stephanie <Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@Illinois.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 10:01 AM
To: Carrie Pollard <Carrie.Pollard@pipestone.com>
Cc: Deslien, Webert <Webert.Deslien@Illinois.gov>
Subject: RE: Independence Pork - update?

Good Morning Carrie,

I looked into this project this morning and it is currently being reviewed by one of our engineers, Webert Deslien. I have included Webert on this email so you have his contact information. Webert said he would be reaching out soon with a few follow up questions. Please just let us know if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,

Stephanie Burge-Bollero

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From: Carrie Pollard <Carrie.Pollard@pipestone.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 3:45 PM
To: Burge-Bollero, Stephanie <Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] RE: Independence Pork - update?

By any chance, can you help me find where this Independence project is at?

I have not received any communication on it....

Thanks!

From: Burge-Bollero, Stephanie <Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@illinois.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 3:54 PM
To: Carrie Pollard <Carrie.Pollard@pipestone.com>
Subject: RE: Precision Pork, LLC Tax Certification Request

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Good Afternoon,

I wanted to let you know that it appears that the Independence Pork facility is assigned to a different reviewer. I will touch base with them to get a status update on this project and reach back out to you soon.

Thank you,

Stephanie Burge-Bollero

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From: Carrie Pollard <Carrie.Pollard@pipestone.com>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 4:53 PM
To: Burge-Bollero, Stephanie <Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] RE: Precision Pork, LLC Tax Certification Request

Thanks!

This has been on my list to track down, as well as a certification for Independence Pork.

If that one is in someone else's stack, you may want to roll them together, since most of the info is similar/identical and I am the contact for both.

I'm almost sure on all of your questions, but trying to get some detailed drawings to help answer. I hope to be able to circle back with you shortly.

Thanks,

Carrie Pollard



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From: Burge-Bollero, Stephanie <Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@Illinois.gov>

Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 4:27 PM

To: Carrie Pollard <Carrie.Pollard@pipestone.com>

Subject: Precision Pork, LLC Tax Certification Request

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Good Afternoon,

I am in the process of reviewing the Tax certification request for a pollution control facility for Precision Pork, LLC swine farm located near Amboy in Lee County (TC-151097). I am reaching out to request additional information needed for the review of this project.

-Please indicate for the structure identified as "New Farrowing" if the shallow pit is located below the entire barn footprint or if there is more than 1 pit of different dimensions. If composed of separate pits please indicate the number of pits and please describe each pit in detail including dimensions, materials of construction, and attendant components. Please note that only the collection pits located under the livestock operations qualify as a pollution control facilities unless additional explanation of how such areas primary purpose is to eliminate, prevent, or reduce water pollution.

-The narrative in the flow diagram indicates that manure is transferred from the farrowing barn to the gestation barn via a PVC sewer drain. Please provide the length and diameter of this PVC pipe if you would like to include it in your certification request.

-For the structure identified as "GDU Expansion" please indicate if there are pumpout pits in this expansion area. If pumpout pits are present in this expansion area, please indicate the number of pits and describe them in detail including dimensions, materials of construction, and attendant components.

When providing additional information regarding this request please reference the log number TC-151097. Please just let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you,

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