BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Ron Mueller Jr.)	
(Property Identification Number)	PCB No. 26 -
11-24-200-008))	(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.

Ron Mueller Jr. 41583 E 2300 N Road Cropsey, Illinois 61731

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

Copies also provided electronically as follows:

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DATED: September 17,2025

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APPEARANCE

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.

- On August 19, 2024, the Illinois EPA received a request from Ron Mueller Jr. (Log number TC-151498, 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: Ron Mueller Jr.

41583 E 2300 N Road Cropsey, Illinois 61731

The proposed water pollution control facilities in this request are located in the NE ¼ of Section 24, T25N, R6E of the 3rd P.M. in McLean County, at the above street address and consist of the following livestock waste management structures:

One (1) concrete manure pit measuring 75.5 ft. (length) x 60 ft. (width) x 10 ft. (depth), plastic slatted flooring over the manure pit, all concrete columns, and buttresses supporting the walls. An HDPE drainage tile measuring 360 linear feet (length) \times 4 in. (height) is located around the pit to prevent flotation of the pit.

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

- 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.
- 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.

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Christine Zeivel

Assistant Counsel

Division of Legal Counsel

Dated: September 17, 2025

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JAMES JENNINGS, ACTING DIRECTOR

Memorandum

To: Mike Roubitchek, Division of Legal Counsel

From: Darin LeCrone, P.E., Manager, Permit Section, Division of Water Pollution Control, Illinois

Environmental Protection Agency

Date: AUG 0 6 2025

Re: Ron Mueller Jr. - Home

Recommendation of Tax Certification

Log No.: TC-151498

BOW ID No.: W1138080002

Property Index Number(s): 11-24-200-008

The Bureau of Water received a request on 8/19/2024 from Ron Mueller Jr., having a principal place of business at 41583 E 2300 N Rd., Cropsey, IL 61731, 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:

Ron Mueller Jr. - Home 41583 E 2300 N Rd. Cropsey, IL 61731

NE 1/4 of Section 24, T25N, R6E, of the 3rd Principal Meridian in McLean County

Livestock waste handling facilities consist of:

One (1) concrete manure pit measuring 75.5 ft. (length) x 60 ft. (width) x 10 ft. (depth), plastic slatted flooring over the manure pit, all concrete columns, and buttresses supporting the walls. An HDPE drainage tile measuring 360 linear feet (length) x 4 in. (height) is located around the pit to prevent flotation of the pit.

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

The 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.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Sarah Coulton at 217/782-0610.

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cc: Tax Cert File

Todd Bennett

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 #: W1138080002

Project Name: Ron Mueller Jr. Home

Date application received: 8/19/2024

Reviewer: SC

Log number: TC-151498

Legal Description:

NE 24 ¼ Section Twp: 25N Range: 6E 3rd PM

County: McLean

Facility Contact: Ron Mueller Jr. 41583 E 2300 N Rd, Cropsey

Phone: 217-249-2049

Rymueller7@gmail.com

Pollution Control Facility Type:

Swine Livestock Waste Management Facility

Property ID: 11-24-200-008

Applicant: Ron Mueller Jr. 41583 E 2300 N Rd

Cropsey, IL 61731

Facility: Ron Mueller Jr. - Home

41583 E 2300 N Rd Cropsey, IL 61731

Date Control Devices installed: 06/1/2019

Application Signature by: Ron Mueller Jr

Title: Owner

Contents of Application: Application forms, pollution control diagram, specs, maps

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:

The livestock waste handling facilities consist of one (1) concrete manure deep pit (approximately 75.5 ft. x 60 ft. x 10 ft.) and 3,150 sq. ft. plastic slatted flooring over the manure pit. The deep pit has an HDPE perimeter tile (approximately 360 ft. x 4 in.) to prevent flotation of the pit.

The facility collects, transports and stores livestock waste prior to cropland application.

Pollution control facilities requested by the Applicant through Description of Pollution Control Facilities, Section 2 of the application form and the attachments:

One (1) concrete manure pit, Plastic slatted floor, one (1) HDPE perimeter drain,

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A process flow diagram with narrative is provided by the attachment of the application.

Recommended Action: Issue tax certification.

In addition to the above described facilities, the Agency determined that the following facilities ARE NOT pollution control facilities according to § 125.200 having 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 pretreatment, treatment, modification or disposal might be harmful, detrimental or offensive to human, plant or animal life, or to property and therefore ARE NOT recommended.

Not applicable.

Notes:

Nothing follows - SC - (April 16, 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 III. 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 potlution 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: www.lilinois.gov/epa/topics/forms/water-permits/tax-certification

I. Applicant	Information		
Сотрапу:	Ron Mueller Jr Home		
	Person Authorized to Receive Certification		Person to Contact for Additional Details
Name:	Ron Mueller Jr.	Name:	Same
Street Addr:	41583 E. 2300 N. Rd.	Street Addr:	3
	Cropsey State: IL ZIP: 61731		State: ZIP;
Phone:	217-249-2049 ext:		ext:
	rvmueller7@gmail.com		
Site Location The location be provided.	of the parcel of land where the facilities are located The Public Land Survey System information is available. The Public Land Survey System information is available.	ilable on count	ty plat maps or at www.isgs.illinois.edu/plss
	lame: Section 24		Name:
	dress: 41583 E. 2300 N. Rd		Cropsey State: IL ZIP: 61731
	Sex Number(s): 11 - 24 - 200 · 008		
Add PIN			
A property in applicable to know your P	dex number (PIN) for the parcel of land where pollulate the requested facilities, you must identify all applications applied to the parcel of land where pollulate the requested facilities, you must identify all application applied to the requested facilities, you may obtain it from your records or your Court of Revenue website at www2.illinois.gov/rev/Individuals.	able PINs in th	ne above line and in Section III below. If you do not sors website which may be found on the Illinois
Livestock A	ctivities: Provide descriptions of the livestock operation	ns including typ	e of animals at the site. (Text box will expand.)
	ed structure consists of one swine farrowing building used as waste storage.	g where swine	are housed on plastic flooring with a below ground
		ording files all larger and an analysis of the second	RECIPIONED D

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Pollutant Sources: Identify potential sources of water pollution that are being controlled (i.e., beef feedlot runoff, swine in leachate, etc.). Provide estimated quantities of each pollutant that is produced in gallons per year. (Text box will expand.)	nanure, s	ilage
Swine Manure is the potential source of water pollution that is being controlled. Approximately 290,000 gallons of waste storage is available in this facility.		
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 Sec	ction.	
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 of to show the location and layout of all the requested facilities. All requested facilities must be clearly identified on Each facility should be labeled with the pollution control facility number identified in Part B of this Section and prito help distinguish between other requested facilities. Please include labels of roadways, downstream waterways landmarks and a north seeking arrow.	this diag	gram. mensions
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 fe	Mouring
questions. Use the button below the questions to add blank questions for each additional requested facility.	OF ITTO TO	onownig
Pollution Control Facility Number 1 Name of pollution control facility: Farrowing Barn		
Provide a physical description including all pertinent dimensions (length, width, depth, diameter), construction (e.g. steel, HDPE, concrete block, etc.), and rating (e.g. 10 HP centrifugal pump). (Text box will expand.)	material	s
A reinforced concrete pit with dimensions of 75'-6" x 60' x 10' deep with 4" floor is used to store livestock wast applications. The building has 72 - 14" diameter 9'-2" tall reinforced columns with footings and ten 3'-6" x 2'-6 reinforced buttresses with footings. There is 360' of 4" HDPE perimeter tile, and approx. 3,150 ft^2 of plastic 1	" x 9'-2"	nanure
Is the requested facility used 100 percent for elimination, prevention, or reduction of water pollution?	Yes (ONC
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: 150 000		
Date of installation or status of installation:		
Property Index Number (PIN): 11-24-200-008		
Applicable Illinois EPA permit number(s):		
Are supplemental diagrams or construction drawings for this pollution control facility attached to the application?	Yes (ONO
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 assign facility. Please use this number when labeling facilities in the diagram required in Part A of this Section. Handwritten submitted include one set of questions per requested pollution control facility. Use the "Delete last Facility" button to remove excess questions.	als must a	
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.
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Surface water flows away from the building in all directions.

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.

A road ditch approximately 100' to the north of the building eventually enters an unnamed stream north of the facility. A map has been provided that shows the location of the stream relative to the building site.

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))

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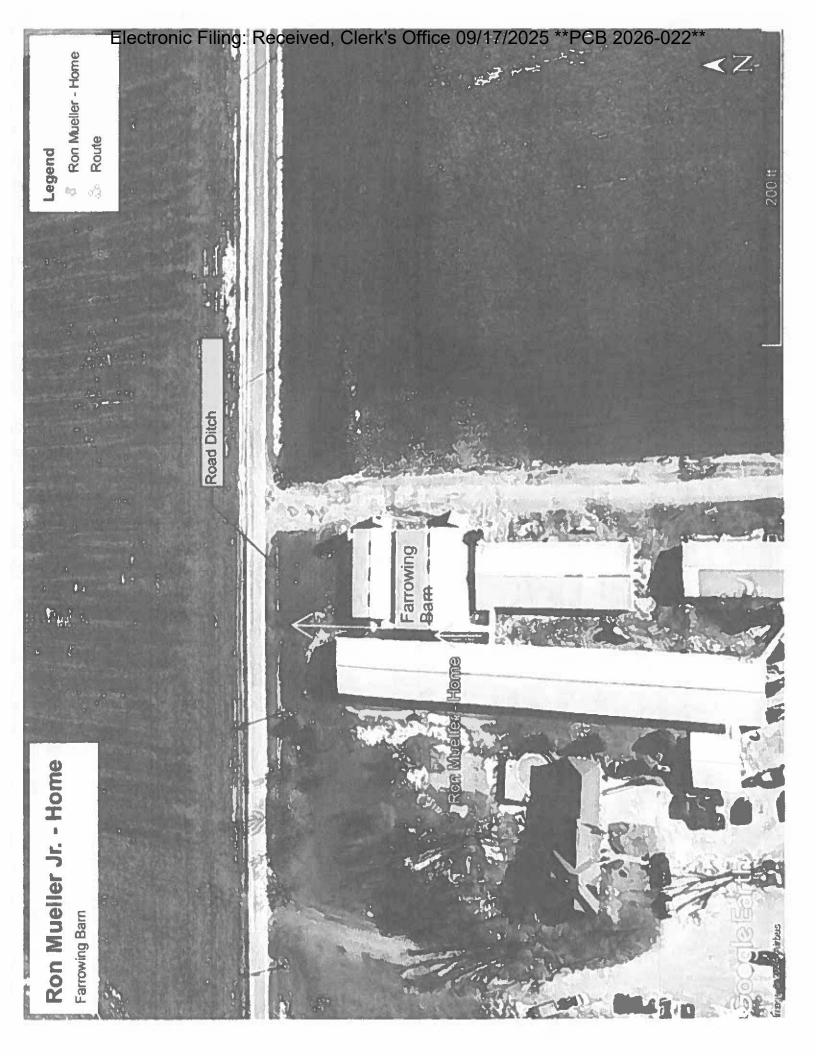
VI. Submittal of Your Application

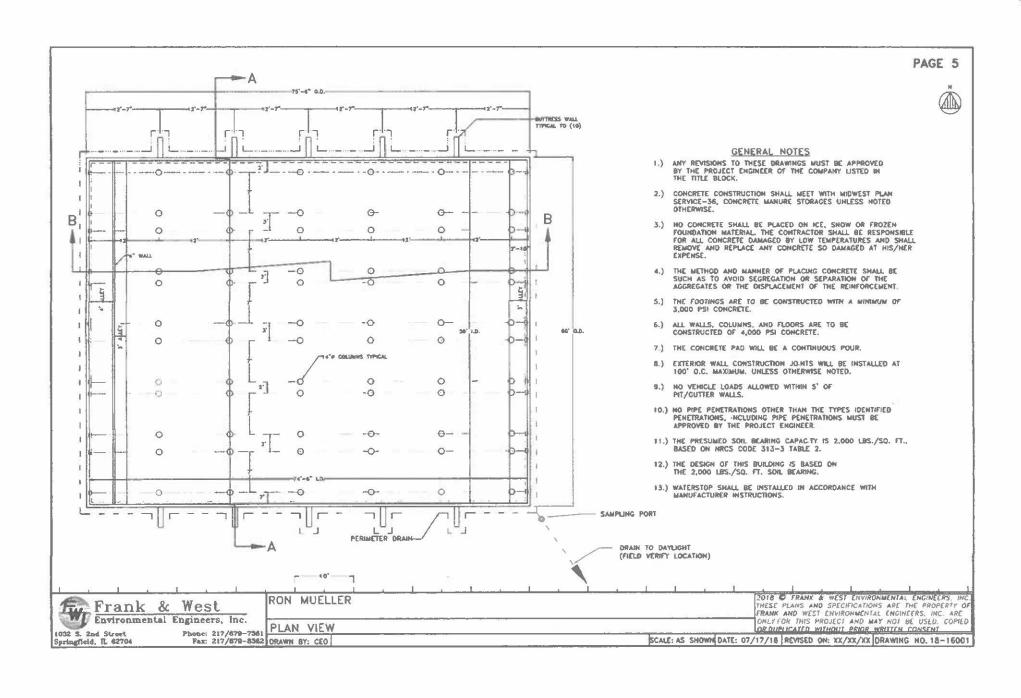
Completing this Form: The absence of information requested in this form may result in denial of your application for tax certification. If information is omitted, Agency staff will determine when and if such information or data is essential and may contact you to obtain this information to complete its 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.

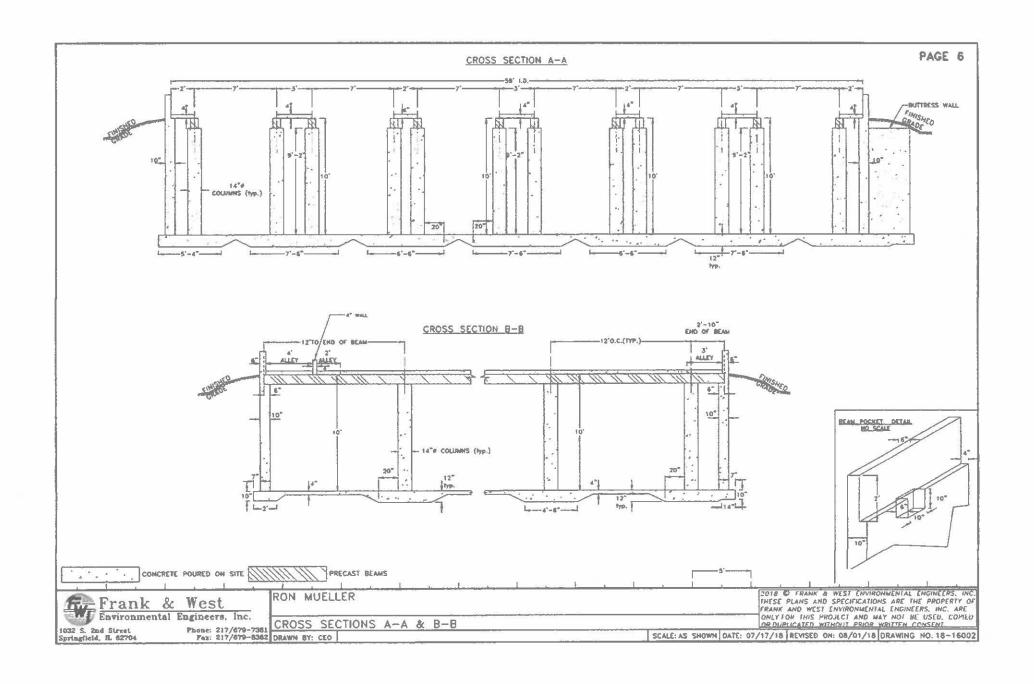
Attachments: Please only send attachments on 8.5" x 11" paper, do not send 11" x 17" sheets.

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







ATTACHMENT A RON MUELLER JR. - HOME TAX CERTIFICATION FORMS

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION



June 28, 2024

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

RE: Ron Mueller Jr. - Home

Frank & West is submitting an application for certification of property tax treatment for pollution control facility on behalf of the Ron Mueller Jr. - Home facility.

If you have any further questions or comments regarding the Ron Mueller Jr. - Home non-lagoon livestock waste handling facility, please advise.

FRANK & WEST ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS, INC.

Kari Fraley, E.I. Agricultural Engineer

Attachment:

Application for Certification

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 September 17, 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:

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