### BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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)	PCB No. 25 -
)	(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.

Spangler Farms John Spangler 3369 Cucumber Hollow Road Marietta, Illinois 61459

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

### Copies also provided electronically as follows:

Illinois Department of Revenue via email at REV.PropTaxApp@illinois.gov 101 West Jefferson P.O. Box 19033 Springfield, Illinois 62794

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTE©TION AGENCY

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DATED: October 8, 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 April 10, 2024, the Illinois EPA received a request from John Spangler (Log number TC-151209, Exhibit A) for an Illinois EPA recommendation regarding the tax certification of water pollution control facilities pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.204.
- The facility's address is: Spangler Farms
   2700 N Co. Road 15
   Avon, Illinois 61415

The proposed water pollution control facilities in this request are located in the SE ¼ of Section 27, T7N, R1E of the 4<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Fulton County, at the above street address and consist of the following livestock waste management structures:

One (1) concrete manure stack area measuring 16 ft. (width) x 35 ft. 4 in. (length), the associated walls, and the portion of the roof covering this area. One (1) compacted clay bedpack areas measuring approximately 236 ft. 8 in. (length) x 35 ft. 4 in. (width), the associated walls, and the portion of roof covering this area. One (1) concrete manure scrape alley measuring 256 ft. (length) x 14 ft. (width) x 5 in. (thick) used for the transfer of manure and the portion of the roof covering this area. One (1) 256 ft. (length) x 4 ft. 9 in. (width) x 6 in. (height) reinforced concrete curb used to contain waste and keep storm water from entering and the portion of the

roof covering this area. Two (2) 48 in. (width) x 6 in. (height) x 14 ft. (length) reinforced concrete drive over curbs to help contain waste within the building and prevent surface water from entering and the portion of the roof covering this area.

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.

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

By: Grace McCarten

Assistant Counsel

Division of Legal Counsel

Dated: October 8, 2025

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# **ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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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

Date: AUG 1 6 2025.

Re:

Spangler Farms - Avon

Recommendation of Tax Certification

Log No.: TC-151209

BOW ID No.: W0578150003

Property Index Number: 06-05-27-100-003

The Bureau of Water received a request on April 10, 2024 from John Spangler, having a principal place of business at 3369 Cucumber Hollow Rd, Marietta, IL 61459 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:

Spangler Farms 2700 N Co. Rd 15 Avon, IL 61415

SE ¼ of Section 27, Township 7N, Range 1E of the 4th PM in Fulton County.

Livestock waste management facilities within the 256 ft. x 50 ft. bedpack barn consisting of:

One (1) concrete manure stack area measuring 16 ft. (width) x 35 ft. 4 in. (length), the associated walls, and the portion of the roof covering this area. One (1) compacted clay bedpack areas measuring approximately 236 ft. 8 in. (length) x 35 ft. 4 in. (width), the associated walls, and the portion of roof covering this area. One (1) concrete manure scrape alley measuring 256 ft. (length) x 14 ft. (width) x 5 in. (thick) used for the transfer of manure and the portion of the roof covering this area. One (1) 256 ft. (length) x 4 ft. 9 in. (width) x 6 in. (height) reinforced concrete curb used to contain waste and keep storm water from entering and the portion of the roof covering this area. Two (2) 48 in. (width) x 6 in. (height) x 14 ft. (length) reinforced concrete drive over curbs to help contain waste within the building and prevent surface water from entering and the portion of the roof covering this 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 Ill. Adm. Code 125.200(a), with the

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595 S. State Street, Elgin, IL 60123 (847) 608-3131 2309 W. Main Street, Suite 116, Marion, IL 62959 (618) 993-7200 412 SW Washington Street, Suite D, Peoria, IL 61602 (309) 671-3022 4302 N. Main Street, Rockford, IL 61103 (815) 987-7760

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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 the above, please contact Stephanie Burge-Bollero at 217/557-8666.

SAB:TC-151209\_Tax Cert Recommendation\_02April25.docx

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 #:** W0578150003

Project Name: Spangler Farms

Date application received: 04/10/2024

Reviewer: SAB

Log number: TC-151209

**Legal Description:** 

SE ¼ of Section 27, T7N, R1E of the 4th P.M.

County: Fulton

Facility Contact: John Spangler 3369 Cucumber Hollow Rd Marietta. IL 61459

Phone: 309/368-6674

**Pollution Control Facility Type:** 

Cattle/Dairy Livestock Waste Management

Facility

Property ID: 06-05-27-100-003

**Applicant**: John Spangler 3369 Cucumber Hollow Rd

Marietta, IL 61459

Facility: Spangler Farms 2700 N Co. Rd 15 Avon, IL 61415

Date Control Devices installed: 10/12/2023

Application Signature by: John Spangler

Title: Owner

Contents of Application: Application for Certification (Property Tax Treatment) Pollution Control

Facility, Flow Diagram, Drawing, Map

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:

Livestock waste management facilities within the 256 ft. (length) x 50 ft. (width) bedpack barn consisting of:

One (1) concrete manure stack area measuring approximately 16 ft. (width) x 35 ft. 4 in. (length), the associated walls, and the portion of the roof covering this area.

One (1) compacted clay bedpack area measuring approximately 236 ft. 8 in. (length) x 35 ft. 4 in. (width), the associated walls, and the portion of the roof covering this area.

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Two (2) 48 in. (width) x 6 in. (height) x 14 ft. (length) reinforced drive over curbs to help contain waste within the building and prevent surface water from entering and the portion of the roof covering this area.

### Notes:

Emailed applicant and consultant on 4/1/2025 to request they verify correct dimensions of barn and "equipment storage office area". Also informed that if the primary purpose of the "equipment storage office area" is for the storage of heavy equipment or an office space and not for the primary purpose of pollution control we as that they withdrawal this portion of the request. Response from applicant via email on 4/1/2025.

Email sent to applicant on 4/2/25 requesting additional information and clarification on dimensions of "storage space" and dimensions of scrape alley. Response from applicant received on 4/2/25. Applicant had not copied consultant on email response. Consultant then sent a separate conflicting response to the email sent on 4/1/2025 on 4/3/2025. Email was sent to both applicant and consultant on 4/3/2025. Asked applicant if I could forward his prior email to the consultant. Then requested that they discuss this project and sort out discrepancies and submit one response once they had a chance to discuss together. Applicant responded on 4/3/25 stating that I could forward his prior emails to the consultant. Email communication was forwarded to consultant on 4/3/25.

Email response received from the consultant on 4/9/25 with updated As-Built Construction drawing and description of John Spangler's cattle barn.

Nothing follows – SAB - (April 24, 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 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: <a href="https://www.2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/forms/water-permits/tax-certification">www.2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/forms/water-permits/tax-certification</a>

I. Applicant Information		
Company: Spangler Farms - John Spangler		
Person Authorized to Receive Certification		Person to Contact for Additional Details
Name: John Spangler	Name:	same
Street Addr: 3369 Cucumber Hollow Rd		
City: Marietta State: IL ZIP: 61459	City:	State: ZIP:
Phone: 309-368-6674 ext:	Phone:	ext:
Email: spanglerfarms@gmail.com	Email:	
II. Livestock Operation Information Site Location The location of the parcel of land where the facilities are located be provided. The Public Land Survey System information is available.	and given by	quarter section, township, range and county must
Quarter Section: SE Township: 7N Range	e: 1E ¹rin	ne Meridian: 4 County: Fulton
funicipality Name: Section 27	Township	Name:
Street Address: 2700 N Co. Rd 15	City:	Avon State: IL ZIP: 61415
Property Index Number(s): <u>()6 - 0.5 - 2.7 - 100 - 00.3</u> Add PIN Del. PIN  A property index number (PIN) for the parcel of land where pollut applicable to the requested facilities, you must identify all application know your PIN you may obtain it from your records or your Count Department of Revenue website at www2.illinois.gov/rev/Individual	ble PINs in th ty's tax asses uals/Pages/Illi	e above line and in Section III below. If you do not sors website which may be found on the Illinois

Pollutant Sources: Identify potential sources of water pollution that are being controlled (i.e., beef feedlot runoff, leachate, etc.). Provide estimated quantities of each pollutant that is produced in gallons per year. (Text box will expe	
Beef Manure is the potential source of water poliution that is being controlled.  Approximately 785 Ton of manure is produced annually.	
Are the pollutants collected by the facility land applied?	Yes OI
If No, provide a description of the final disposition of the pollutants which are collected by the facility.	
III. Poliution 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 live to show the location and layout of all the requested facilities. All requested facilities must be clearly identified to show the location and layout of all the requested facilities. All requested facilities must be clearly identified to help distinguish between other requested facilities. Please include labels of roadways, downstream wallandmarks and a north seeking arrow.  Check this box if the required diagram was completed on a separate sheet and attached to this application.	fied on this diagram and primary dimens iterways, other impo
Part B. Pollution Control Facility Data	
For each separate requested pollution control facility in this application, provide written or typed response questions. Use the button below the questions to add blank questions for each additional requested facilit	
Pollution Control Facility Number 1	
Name of pollution control facility: Spangler Farms - John Spangler	
Provide a physical description including all pertinent dimensions (length, width, depth, diameter), constr (e.g. steel, HDPE, concrete block, etc.), and rating (e.g. 10 HP centrifugal pump). (Text box will expand See Attached	
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 use	98.
Original cost of the pollution control facility: # 20,000	
Date of installation or status of installation: October 12, 2023	
Property Index Number (PIN): 06-05-27-100-603	
Applicable Illinois EPA permit number(s):	
Are supplemental diagrams or construction drawings for this pollution control facility attached to the application	on? Yes No
If Yes, please label the diagram with the specific pollution control facility number identified above.	0
Click "Add a Facility" to add another set of facility questions for each requested facility. A number will automatically be facility. Please use this number when labeling facilities in the diagram required in Part A of this Section. Handwritten sinclude one set of questions per requested pollution control facility. Use the "Delete last Facility" button to remove exceeded a facility.  Delete last facility	submittals must also

IV. Discharge Point Locations and Receiving Waters

Provide a written description of the surface water drainage character polluted stormwater runoff from the facility to downstream waterway surface discharge leaves the property.	
The facility is located at a high point in the field and all surface water	ers drain away from the facility.
Identify local ditches, streams, rivers, ponds or lakes that may receipperation. Also identify any named waterways that are immediately	
The closest stream is straight east of the facility approximatly 1785	to the upper reaches of Shoal Creek.
V. Approvals of Application and Signature	
The information on this form and attachments is submitted in according the best of my knowledge is true and correct.	lance with the Illinois Property Tax Code, as amended, and to
Any person who knowingly makes a false, fictitious, or fraudule EPA commits a Class 4 felony. A second or subsequent offense	
John Spangler Project Name	Owner
Prioled Name	Title
Dun Spangler	3-15-2024 Date
## Signature	Date
VI. Submittal of Your Application	
Completing this Form: The absence of information requested in this certification. If information is omitted, Agency staff will determine who contact you to obtain this information to complete its review. This appropriate	en and if such information or data is essential and may

electronic form for future printing. Electronic submittal or email submittal of this form is not authorized. If handwritten, the form

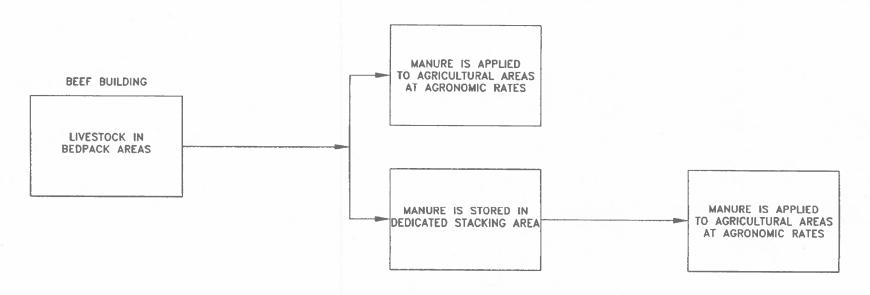
Attachments: Please only send attachments on 8.5" x 11" paper, do not send 11" x 17" sheets.

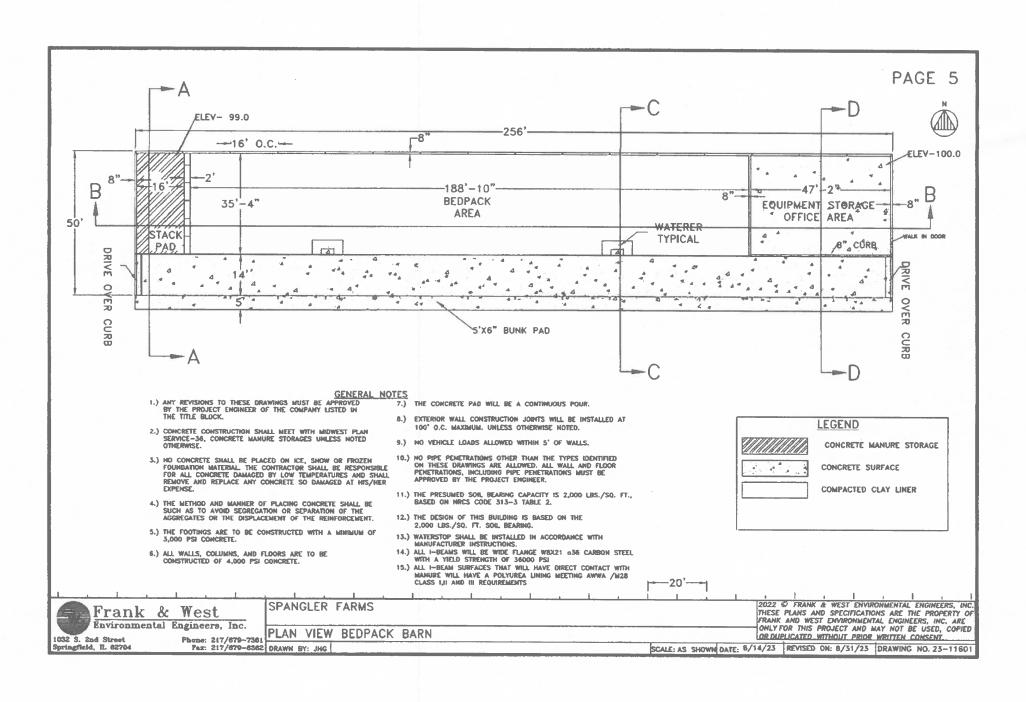
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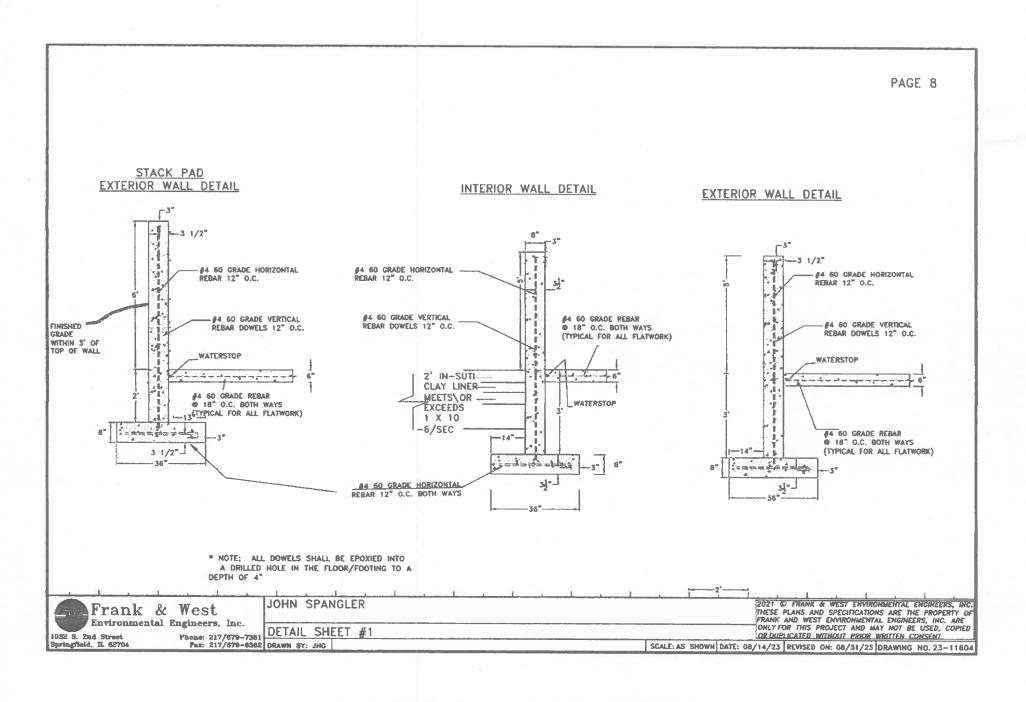
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Division of Water Pollution Control, Mail Code #15
Attention: Permit Section
1021 North Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

must be legibly completed.

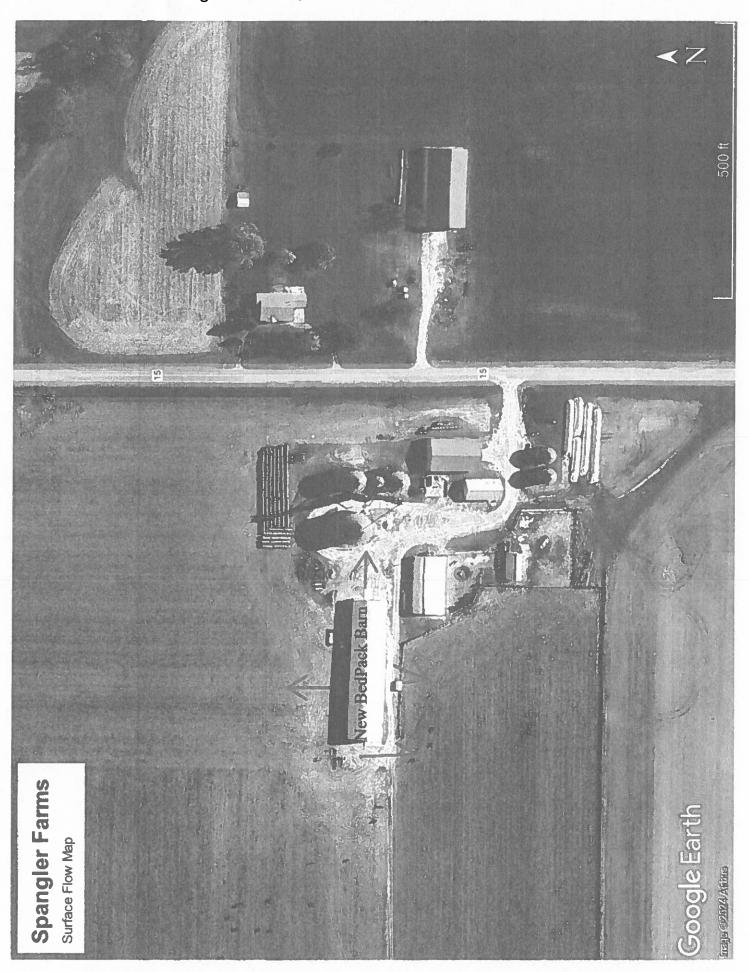
# POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY PROCESS FLOW DIAGRAM







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The proposed bedpack waste storage barn consists of bedpack waste storage and manure stack waste storage all in one building. The overall building dimensions are 156' x 50' with 4' and 6' walls (see attached plan view and cross section for details).

The building is laid out with a 188'-0" x 35' - 4" compacter clay lined bedpack area with 4' walls. This area serves as bedpack housing for the cattle as well as bedpack manure storage. On the west of the building is a 16' x 35'-4" x 6' manure stack which is used only for manure storage. There is an equipment storage area on the east end of the building measuring 42'-2" X 35'-4". All storages are open to the front with a 14' wide scrape alley and heavy use area 188' long x 5" thick reinforced concrete. This is used to transfer (scrape) manure from the bedpack to the manure stack area. Walls are all 8" thick reinforced concrete and the floors are 5" thick reinforced concrete in storage bay. A compacted clay lined area 2' think is in the bedpack area. 36" wide x 8" thick reinforced footings are located under each wall. In the front of the building, there are W8-21 I beams on 36" - 12" reinforced footings for roof support. Along the front of the building is a 188' x 18" x 6" reinforced concrete curb that is used to contain waste and keep stormwater from entering the building. Along the ends of each scrape ally are 18" x 6" x 14' reinforced roll curbs which also help contain waste inside the building and prevent



February 13, 2024



BOWWPC/PERMIT SECTION

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: Spangler Farms

To Whom it May Concern:

Frank & West is submitting an application for certification of property tax treatment for pollution control facility on behalf of the Spangler Farms facility.

If you have any further questions or comments regarding the Spangler Farms facility non-lagoon livestock waste handling facility, please advise.

FRANK & WEST ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS, INC.

Kari Fraley, E.I. Agricultural Engineer

Attachment:

Application for Certification

### **Burge-Bollero, Stephanie**

From:

Burge-Bollero, Stephanie

Sent:

Thursday, April 3, 2025 10:40 AM

To: Cc: Kari Fraley John Spangler

Subject:

RE: [External] RE: Questions on Spangler Farms Tax Certification Request TC-151209

Hi Kari,

John had actually responded to me but it appears he forgot to CC you on the emails. The emails that you sent vs. what John sent are conflicting. John, would you like me to forward these emails to Kari for her to review? Please discuss and provide one response once you have had time to sorted out the discrepancies.

Thank you both for your assistance,

**Stephanie Burge-Bollero** 

Environmental Protection Specialist I Industrial (401/Mines) Unit, Permit Section,

**Division of Water Pollution Control** 

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Bureau of Water

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Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@illinois.gov

Phone (217)557-8666

From: Kari Fraley < kfraley@fwieng.com > Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 9:49 AM

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

Subject: [External] RE: Questions on Spangler Farms Tax Certification Request TC-151209

### Stephanie,

Would you mind reading over the description attached and let me know if this will address your concerns. I apologize for overlooking these errors before submittal.

#### **Thanks**

Kari Fraley
Agricultural Engineer
Frank & West Environmental Engineers, Inc
1032 S. 2nd Street
Springfield, IL 62704
Office Phone: 217-679-7361
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From: Burge-Bollero, Stephanie [mailto:Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@Illinois.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 1, 2025 11:13 AM **To:** Kari Fraley < <u>kfraley@fwieng.com</u>>

Cc: spanglerfarms@gmail.com

Subject: Questions on Spangler Farms Tax Certification Request TC-151209

### Good Morning,

I am in the process of reviewing the tax certification request for Spangler Farms in Avon, IL. After my initial review of the application, I had a couple of follow up questions.

Would you be able to verify to correct dimensions of the bedpack barn? The drawing shows a length of 256' however the narrative states the overall building dimensions are 156' x 50'.

Also, the drawing shows an "equipment storage office area" measuring 47' 2" x 35' 4". However, the narrative shows this space measuring 42' 2" x 35" 4". Please verify the correct dimensions of this space. Also, if this area is primarily used as heavy equipment storage or an office space and not for the primary purpose of pollution control, we ask that the applicant withdrawal this portion of the request. In order for this space to qualify as a pollution control facility, it must have a primary purpose for the elimination, prevention, or reduction of water pollution.

When providing additional information please reference log number TC-151209. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Stephanie Burge-Bollero

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### **Burge-Bollero, Stephanie**

From:

John Spangler <spanglerfarms@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 3:43 PM

To:

Burge-Bollero, Stephanie

Subject:

[External] Re: Questions on Spangler Farms Tax Certification Request TC-151209

**Categories:** 

Tax Cert, To Do

The area with the calving pens is 24' x 35'4".

The chute I was referring to is a cattle holding chute that I can put a cow in to give her shots or pull a calf.

The scrape alley is 14' wide and goes the entire length of the building

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

Sent: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 11:52 AM

To: John Spangler <spanglerfarms@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: Questions on Spangler Farms Tax Certification Request TC-151209

Good Morning,

Thank you for getting back with me so quickly. I appreciate your response on the use of the area referred to as an equipment storage area and will make note that calves are kept in this space. Could you please clarify the dimensions of this space for me again? As mentioned previously, the drawing shows the dimensions of this area being 47′ 2″ x 35′ 4″ and narrative shows this space measuring 42′ 2″ x 35″ 4″. Your recent response states this area measures 24′ x 35′4″. Please verify the correct dimensions. Also, in your email you mentioned a chute located in this area. Is this chute used in the manure removal process? If it is part of the manure removal system and you would like to include it in this request please provide the dimensions and material of construction.

I am still trying to sort through a few discrepancies in the narrative vs. the drawing that was provided. The narrative states the 14' wide scrape alley is 188' long. Based on the drawing it appears that the scrape alley runs the entire length of the barn (approximately 256'). Could you please verify the length of the scrape alley?

I appreciate your assistance.

Thank you again,

Stephanie Burge-Bollero

Environmental Protection Specialist I
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From: John Spangler <spanglerfarms@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 10:22 PM

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

Subject: [External] Re: Questions on Spangler Farms Tax Certification Request TC-151209

### Stephanie,

I'm sorry about the mistakes. I'm not sure what happened. The barn is 256' long not 156'. There is no equipment storage or office area. I have calving pens and a chute in an area that measures 24' x 35'4". So cattle occupy the whole barn.

Thank you, John Spangler

From: Burge-Bollero, Stephanie < <a href="mailto:Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@Illinois.gov">Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@Illinois.gov</a>>

Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 11:13 AM To: Kari Fraley <a href="mailto:kfraley@fwieng.com">kfraley@fwieng.com</a>>

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To:

Burge-Bollero, Stephanie

Subject:

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**Attachments:** 

Polution Control Facility Discription 4-3-25.pdf

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Sent:

Thursday, April 3, 2025 1:33 PM

To: Cc: Spangler Farms Kari Fraley

Subject:

RE: [External] RE: Questions on Spangler Farms Tax Certification Request TC-151209

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That is fine

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2025, at 10:40 AM, Burge-Bollero, Stephanie < Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@illinois.gov > wrote:

Hi Kari,

John had actually responded to me but it appears he forgot to CC you on the emails. The emails that you sent vs. what John sent are conflicting. John, would you like me to forward these emails to Kari for her to review? Please discuss and provide one response once you have had time to sorted out the discrepancies.

Thank you both for your assistance,

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### **Burge-Bollero, Stephanie**

From:

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Sent:

Thursday, April 3, 2025 1:46 PM

To: Cc: John Spangler

Kari Fraley

Subject:

RE: Questions on Spangler Farms Tax Certification Request TC-151209

Hello Kari,

Please see the emails below for your review. Once you and John have had a chance to discuss please send an updated response. I appreciate your assistance.

Thank you! Stephanie

From: John Spangler < spanglerfarms@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 3:43 PM

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

Subject: [External] Re: Questions on Spangler Farms Tax Certification Request TC-151209

The area with the calving pens is 24' x 35'4".

The chute I was referring to is a cattle holding chute that I can put a cow in to give her shots or pull a calf.

The scrape alley is 14' wide and goes the entire length of the building

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

Sent: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 11:52 AM

To: John Spangler <spanglerfarms@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: Questions on Spangler Farms Tax Certification Request TC-151209

Good Morning,

Thank you for getting back with me so quickly. I appreciate your response on the use of the area referred to as an equipment storage area and will make note that calves are kept in this space. Could you please clarify the dimensions of this space for me again? As mentioned previously, the drawing shows the dimensions of this area being 47′ 2″ x 35′ 4″ and narrative shows this space measuring 42′ 2″ x 35″ 4″. Your recent response states this area measures 24′ x 35′4″. Please verify the correct dimensions. Also, in your email you mentioned a chute located in this area. Is this chute used in the manure removal process? If it is part of the manure removal system and you would like to include it in this request please provide the dimensions and material of construction.

I am still trying to sort through a few discrepancies in the narrative vs. the drawing that was provided. The narrative states the 14' wide scrape alley is 188' long. Based on the drawing it appears that the scrape alley runs the entire length of the barn (approximately 256'). Could you please verify the length of the scrape alley?

I appreciate your assistance.

Thank you again,

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Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 10:22 PM

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From: Burge-Bollero, Stephanie < <a href="mailto:Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@Illinois.gov">Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@Illinois.gov</a>>

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 1, 2025 11:13 AM **To:** Kari Fraley <<u>kfraley@fwieng.com</u>>

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Sent:

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 9:28 AM

To:

Kari Fraley

Cc: Subject: 'John Spangler'
RE: [External] RE: Questions on Spangler Farms Tax Certification Request TC-151209

Thanks Kari,

I will take a look at it soon and let you know if I have any questions. I appreciate everyone's assistance.

Thank you, Stephanie

From: Kari Fraley < kfraley@fwieng.com > Sent: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 8:54 AM

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

Cc: 'John Spangler' <spanglerfarms@gmail.com>

Subject: [External] RE: Questions on Spangler Farms Tax Certification Request TC-151209

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Attached are the updated As-Built Construction drawings and Pollution Control Facility Description for John Spangler's cattle barn. Please let me know if you need anything else. I apologize for all of the confusion.

### Thanks

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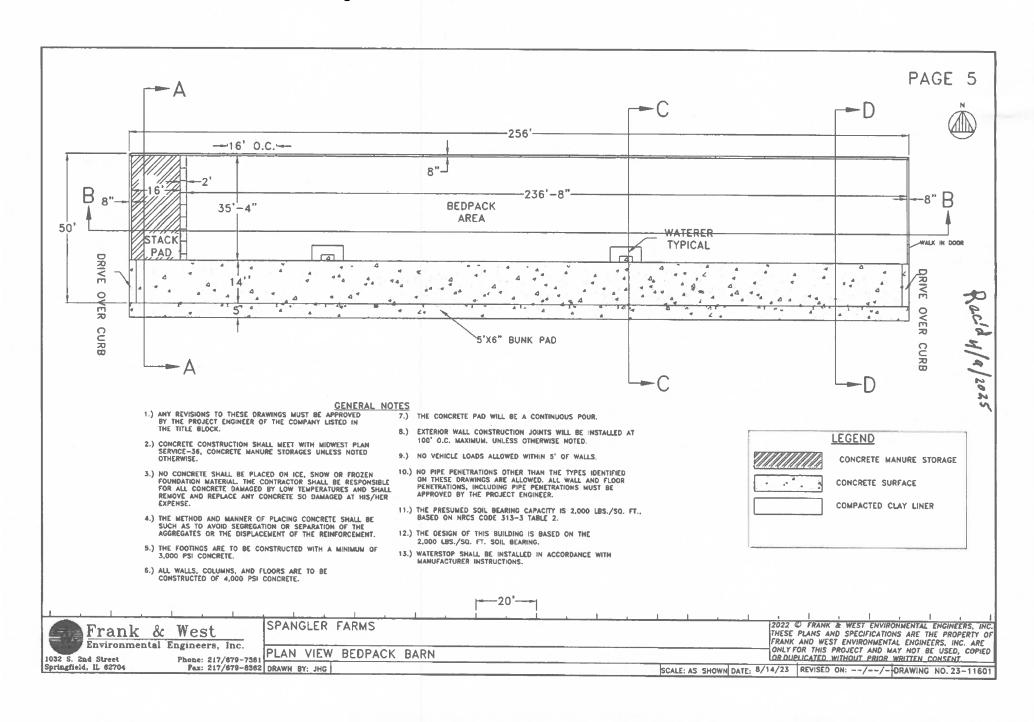
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