

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Oak Ridge Farms, Inc.)
(Property Identification Number) PCB 17-
10-14-400-006) (Tax Certification)
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NOTICE


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Whitney McKeown
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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**, a copy of which is herewith served upon you.

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

By: 
Vera Herst
Assistant Counsel
Division of Legal Counsel

DATED: June 1, 2017

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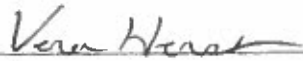
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APPEARANCE

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.

1. On December 14, 2016, the Illinois EPA received a request from Oak Ridge Farms, Inc. (log number TC-137244, 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: Oak Ridge Farms
2935 E. County Rd. 2150
Blandinsville, Illinois 61420

The proposed water pollution control facilities in this request are located at Section 14, T6N, R5W of the 4th PM in Hancock County, and consist of the following:

Livestock waste handling facilities consisting of a concrete pit (approximately 101 ft. x 201 ft. x 8 ft. deep) with eight (8) concrete pump out ports (approximately 6 ft. x 6 ft. x 8 ft. deep), a PVC perimeter tile drain (8 in. wide by 2 in. tall and approximately 604 ft. in length), and slotted floors over the pit.

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

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3. Section 11-10 of the Property Tax Code, 35 ILCS 200/11-10 (2014), 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 (2014), pollution control facilities must be certified as such by the Board, 35 ILCS 200/11-20 (2014) 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.

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

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Watershed Unit Tax Certification Review Sheet

PROJECT NAME: Oak Ridge Farms, Inc.

LOCATION: Blandinsville

REVIEWER: Jenny Larsen

DATE: 1/24/2017

LOG NUMBER: TC-137244

TYPE: Agchem
 Livestock

APPLICANT:

Whitney McKeown
1956 N County Rd 2250
Carthage, IL 62321

CONTACT: Whitney McKeown

PHONE: (309)224-5001

FACILITY:

2935 E County Rd 2150
Blandinsville, IL 61420

PROPERTY ID: 10-14-400-006

COUNTY: Hancock

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

S: 14 T: 6N R: 9W PM: 4th

SIGNATURE: Whitney McKeown

DATE CONTROL DEVICES INSTALLED: 1/2/2017

TITLE: Owner

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

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF POLLUTION CONTROL DEVICES:

This facility includes one hog confinement building wishing to be certified as a pollution control. The applicant made it clear (See pollution control facility information in the revised application attached to email sent to Jenny Larsen on 01/18/2017. This email also contained the schematic flow diagram, which indicated pump out ports.) that they only wish the concrete manure pit (approximately 101 ft. x 201 ft. x 8 ft. deep), eight concrete pump out ports (described in email from Whitney to Jenny Larsen on 01/18/2017, approximately 6 ft. x 6 ft. x 8 ft.), a PVC perimeter tile drain (2 in. tall by 8 in. high and 604 ft. in length, dimensions given in 01/18/2017 email from Whitney), and slotted floors to be certified as pollution controls.

The primary purpose for these structures is to contain livestock waste thereby preventing contaminated water runoff. Recommended Action: Permit the above mentioned structures.

Larsen, Jenny

From: McKeown, Whitney <wnh100@illinois.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 12:41 PM
To: Larsen, Jenny
Subject: [External] RE: Application for certification

The pump outs are 6'x6' with 8' height. and there are 8 on each building. They are concrete. The perimeter drain is plastic and 2"x6".

Thank you!

Whitney

From: Larsen, Jenny [<mailto:Jenny.Larsen@illinois.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 9:05 AM
To: McKeown, Whitney <wnh100@illinois.edu>
Subject: RE: Application for certification

Whitney,

I received your previous email. Thank you for filling out the forms again. I still need the dimensions of the pump out ports (length, width, height and how many), the construction material of the pump out ports (are they concrete?), the length and diameter of the perimeter tile drain, and the material of the tile drain (is it plastic?). You do not need to refill out the forms. Just reply to this email.

Thank you,

Jenny Larsen
Environmental Protection Engineer
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water
Permit Section
(217)785-3438

From: McKeown, Whitney [<mailto:wnh100@illinois.edu>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 8:34 AM
To: Larsen, Jenny
Subject: [External] Application for certification

Good morning,

We spoke last week and you walked me through how to fill these out. We had originally turned one copy in but needed a copy from both owners. I have attached scanned copy of the form for both owners as well as the diagram. I hope we filled this out correctly. If something needs added/changed please let me know. Also, could you please reply to let me know you received this? I just want to make sure I am doing everything correctly. Thanks again for all of your help!

Thank you,

Whitney McKeown



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Application for Certification (Property Tax Treatment) Pollution Control Facility

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File Number: _____	Date Rec'd: _____
Certification Number: _____	Date: _____

Facility Type (check one): Air Water

This form is to be used for any application for certification of property tax treatment for a pollution control facility for air or water from the Illinois EPA. Separate applications must be completed for each control facility claimed. Do not mix types (air and water). Where both air and water operations are related, file two applications.

If attachments are needed, record them consecutively on an index sheet.

You may complete this form online, save a copy locally, print, sign and submit it to:

Illinois EPA
 Attention: Ray E. Pilapil, Permit Section
 Division of Air Pollution Control
 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276
 Springfield, IL 62794-9276

Illinois EPA
 Attention: Al Keller, Permit Section
 Division of Water Pollution Control
 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276
 Springfield, IL 62794-9276

I. Applicant Information:

Company Name: <u>Cox Ridge Farms Inc.</u>	Person to Contact for Additional Details: <u>Whitney McKeown</u>
Person Authorized to Receive Certification: <u>Whitney McKeown</u>	Street Address: <u>1956 N Co Rd 2250</u>
Street Address: <u>1956 N Co Rd 2250</u>	City: <u>Carrage</u> State: <u>IL</u>
City: <u>Carrage</u>	City: <u>Carrage</u> State: <u>IL</u>
Zip: <u>62321</u> Phone: <u>309-224-5001</u>	Zip: <u>62321</u> Phone: <u>309-224-5001</u>
Email Address: <u>wwh100@gmail.com</u>	Email Address: <u>wwh100@gmail.com</u>

II. Facility Information:

Facility Location: Quarter Section: 14 ^{SE of the SW} Township: 6N Range: 5W
 Municipality: Ameron Township: Ft. Green
 Note: A plat map location is requested for facilities located outside of municipal boundaries.
 Address: 2935 E County Rd 2150 City: Blandinsville
 State: IL Zip Code: 61420 County: Hancock Book Number: 35
 Property Index Number: 10-14-400-006

Note: The Property Index Number is the numerical reference used to identify a parcel of real property for assessment and taxation purposes.

Manufacturing Operations Information:

Nature of Operations Conducted at the Above Location:

Hog confinement Building

Permit Information:

WPC Construction Permit Number: _____ Date Issued: _____

NPDES Permit Number: _____ Date Issued: _____ Exp. Date: _____

APC Construction Permit Number: _____ Date Issued: _____

APC Operating Permit Number: _____ Date Issued: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Note: Submit copies of all relevant permits issued by local pollution control agencies. (e.g. MSD Construction Permit)

This Agency is authorized to request this information under 415 ILCS 5/4(b)(2012). Disclosure of this information is voluntary and no penalties will result from the failure to provide the information. However, the absence of the information could prevent your application from being processed or could result in denial of your application.

Manufacturing Process Information:

Please provide information on the manufacturing process and materials on which pollution control facility is used, including each major piece of equipment associated with the pollution control facility (or low sulfur dioxide emission coal fueled device).
Description of the Process:

N/A

Materials Used in the Process:

N/A

Pollution Control Facility Information:

Please provide a narrative description of the pollution control facility (or low sulfur dioxide emission coal fueled device), and an explanation of why its primary purpose is to eliminate, prevent or reduce pollution. State the type of control facility, as well as a narrative description and a process flow diagram describing the pollution control facility. Include an average analysis of the influent and effluent of the control facility stating the collection efficiency, if applicable.

Describe the Pollution Control Facility (or Low Sulfur Dioxide Emission Coal Fueled Device):

Hogs will be on slatted floors for manure to fall into pits. The pits are 8ft deep concrete pits 101' width, 201' length. A perimeter tile drain is in place. please see attached diagram. Don't want whole building certified. only pits, tile drain, etc

Describe the Primary Purpose of the Pollution Control Facility (or Low Sulfur Dioxide Emission Coal Fueled Device):

The purpose is to have hogs

Identify the statute or regulation (federal or state), or local ordinance, if any, requiring the installation of the subject pollution control facility (or low sulfur dioxide emission coal fueled device).

Nature of Contaminants or Pollutants:

List air contaminants or water pollution substances released as effluents to the manufacturing processes. Also list the final disposal of any contaminants removed from the manufacturing processes.

Contaminant or Pollutant	Material Retained, Captured or Recovered	
	Description	Disposal or Use
Hog manure	Retained in pits	pumped onto fields for fertilizer

Note: Contaminant or pollutant means that which is removed from the process by the pollution control facility.

Point(s) of Waste Water Discharge: N/A

Identify the location of the discharge to the receiving stream. This will typically refer to a source of water pollution but can include water-carried wastes from air pollution control facilities.

Plans and Specifications Attached Yes No

Submit Drawings, which clearly show:

- (a) Point(s) of discharge to receiving stream; and
- (b) Sewers and process piping to and from the control facility.

Are contaminants (or residues) collected by the control facility? Yes No

Note: If the collected contaminants are disposed of other than as wastes, state the disposition of the materials, and the value dollars reclaimed by the sale or reuse of the collected substances. State the cost of reclamation and related expense.

Project Status:

Date Installation Completed: ~~12-20-16~~ 1-2-17

Provide the date the pollution control facility was first placed into service and operated. If not, explain.

Will be in place Feb. 20th, 2017

Status of installation on date of application:

Complete

III. Verification and Signature:

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

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))

Whitney McKeon

Printed Name:

owner

Title:

For incorporated entities, signature should be from an authorized corporate representative.

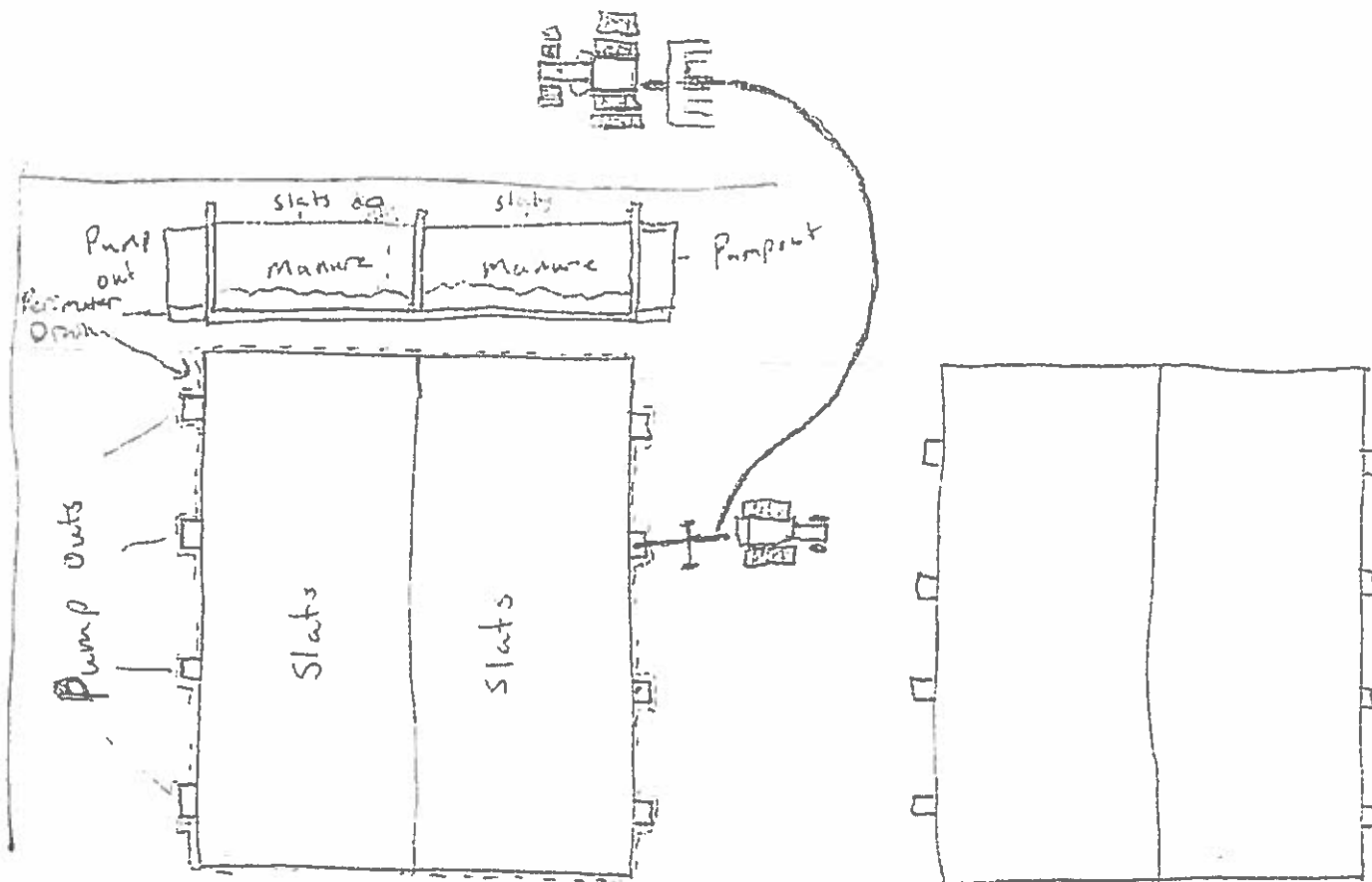
Whitney McKeon

Signature:

1-17-17

Date:

Field



ATTACHMENT A

JUSTIN & WHITNEY MCKEOWN TAX CERTIFICATION FORM

TC-137244



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* Illinois EPA
 Attention: Al Keller, Permit Section
 Division of Water Pollution Control
 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276
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I. Applicant Information:

Company Name: <u>Oak Ridge Farms LLC</u>	Person to Contact: <u>Whitney Mckeown</u>
Person Authorized to Receive Certification: <u>Whitney Mckeown</u>	for Additional Details: <u>Whitney Mckeown</u>
Street Address: <u>1956 N Co Rd 2250</u>	Street Address: <u>1956 N Co Rd 2250</u>
City: <u>COAAGE</u> State: <u>IL</u>	City: <u>COAAGE</u> State: <u>IL</u>
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Email Address: <u>Wnh100@gmail.com</u>	Email Address: <u>Wnh100@gmail.com</u>

II. Facility Information:

Facility Location: Quarter Section: 14 Township: T. 6 N. Range: R. 5 W
 Municipality: _____ Township: Fountain Green
 Note: A plat map location is requested for facilities located outside of municipal boundaries.
 Address: 2935 E County Rd 2150 City: Blandinsville
 State: IL Zip Code: 61420 County: Hancock Book Number: 35
 Property Index Number: 10-14-400-004

Note: The Property Index Number is the numerical reference used to identify a parcel of real property for assessment and taxation purposes.

Manufacturing Operations Information:

Nature of Operations Conducted at the Above Location:

Swine facility

Permit Information:

WPC Construction Permit Number: _____	Date Issued: _____
NPDES Permit Number: _____	Date Issued: _____ Exp. Date: _____
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Description of the Process:

N/A



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Describe the Pollution Control Facility (or Low Sulfur Dioxide Emission Coal Fueled Device):

The pits will sit underneath building. Hog manure will drop through slats into pits and be contained there. It will then be pumped onto farm ground as fertilizer.

Describe the Primary Purpose of the Pollution Control Facility (or Low Sulfur Dioxide Emission Coal Fueled Device):

~~to~~ to collect manure from hogs

Identify the statute or regulation (federal or state), or local ordinance, if any, requiring the installation of the subject pollution control facility (or low sulfur dioxide emission coal fueled device).

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manure	swine manure Retained	spread as fertilizer

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Project Status:

Date Installation Completed: 12-1-16

Provide the date the pollution control facility was first placed into service and operated. If not, explain.

estimated to be used 1-9-17

Status of installation on date of application:

installed but not in use yet.

III. Verification and Signature:

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Whitney Mckean
Printed Name:

owner
Title:

For incorporated entities, signature should be from an authorized corporate representative.

[Signature]
Signature:

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Date:

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BOWWPC... SECTION

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 June 1, 2017, the attached **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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