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BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD AUG 11 2005

GOLD STAR FS, INC. (ERIE FACILITY)
(Property Identification Number
20-05-152-005)

Petitioner,

**ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY**

Respondent.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
Pollution Control Board

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) **PCB** 06-21
) (Tax Certification)

NOTICE

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center
100 West Randolph Street, Suite. 11-500
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Marve Kading
Gold Star FS, Inc.
101 N. East Street
Cambridge, Illinois 61238

Steve Santarelli
Illinois Department of Revenue
101 West Jefferson
Post Office Box 19033
Springfield, Illinois 62794

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have today filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Pollution Control Board an **APPEARANCE AND THE RECOMMENDATION** of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, a copy of which is herewith served upon you.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

By: 

James Allen Day
Assistant Counsel
Division of Legal Counsel

DATED: August 8, 2005

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
1021 North Grand Avenue East
Post Office Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
217-782-5544

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APPEARANCE

The undersigned, as one of its attorneys, hereby enters an APPEARANCE on behalf of the Respondent, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

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RECOMMENDATION

Now Comes the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA") by James Allen Day, one of its attorneys, and pursuant to Section 125.204 of the Illinois Pollution Control Board's (Board) regulations files the following Recommendation regarding the tax certification of water pollution control facilities pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.204.

1) On December 6, 2004, the Illinois EPA received a request from Gold Star FS, Inc. for an Illinois EPA recommendation regarding the tax certification of water pollution control facilities at its Erie facility pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.204, and noted the request as log number TC-31-04. (Exhibit A)

2) The person authorized to receive the requested certification is:

Marve Kading
Gold Star FS, Inc.
101 N. East Street
Cambridge, Illinois 61238

3) The facility's location is:

Gold Star FS, Inc.
9087 Moline Road
Erie, Illinois 61250

4) The water pollution control facilities in this request are located at Section 5, Township 19

North, Range 4 East of the 4rd Principal Meridian in Whiteside County, Illinois at the above street address and include the following two separate facilities for purposes of this recommendation:

(a) Agrichemical containment structures consisting of one (1) liquid agrichemical operational area containment structure; two (2) bulk liquid agrichemical secondary containment structures; associated collection and recovery systems; three (3) dry fertilizer operational containment structures; one (1) dry fertilizer blending operational containment structure and the portion of the building over one (1) liquid agrichemical operational area containment structure, one (1) bulk liquid agrichemical secondary containment structure, and one (1) dry fertilizer blending operational containment structure (24.5 ft. x 55.92 ft) as approved under the Agency endorsed Agrichemical Facility Permit No. 93122510 (Log No. 03107686 issued February 26, 2004). (These facilities are further described in Exhibit A.)

(b) The portion of the building over the area for endloader transfer of bulk dry fertilizer between storage and the blenders measuring 12.25 feet by 120.33 feet. (These facilities are further described in Exhibit A.)

4. Section 11-10 of the Property Tax Code, 35 ILCS 200/11-10 (2000), defines “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: (a) eliminating, preventing, or reducing

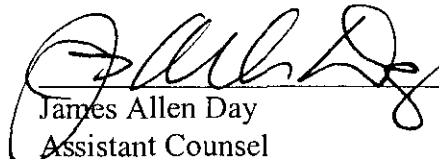
air or water pollution ...or (b) treating, pretreating, modifying or disposing of any potential solid, liquid or gaseous pollutant which if released without treatment, pretreatment modification or disposal might be harmful, detrimental or offensive to human, plant or animal life, or to property.”

5. Pollution control facilities are entitled to preferential tax treatment, 35 ILCS 200/11-5 (2000).
6. With respect to the facilities described in Paragraph 3(a) above (the containment structures), based on the information in the application and the purpose of the facilities (to collect, transport, and store agrichemical rinsates, residues, or washwaters prior to reuse or disposal), 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. Therefore, the facilities are eligible for tax certification from the Board.
7. With respect to the facilities described in Paragraph 3(b) above (the portion of the building over the area for endloader transfer and blenders), based on the information in the application and the purpose of the facilities (to protect products from moisture), it is the Illinois EPA’s engineering judgment that the described facilities are not “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. Therefore, the facilities are not eligible for tax certification from the Board.
8. Therefore, the Illinois EPA recommends that the Board issue the requested tax

certification for the facilities described in Paragraph 3(a) above (the containment structures) and deny the requested tax certification for the facilities described in Paragraph 3(b) above (the portion of the building over the area for endloader transfer and blenders).

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

By:


James Allen Day
Assistant Counsel
Division of Legal Counsel

August 8, 2005

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
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Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
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COUNTY OF SANGAMON

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, on oath state that I have served the attached **APPEARANCE AND RECOMMENDATION**, upon the person to whom it is directed, by placing a copy in an envelope addressed to:

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center
100 West Randolph Street, Suite. 11-500
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Marve Kading
Gold Star FS, Inc.
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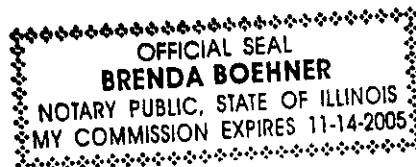
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and mailing it from Springfield, Illinois on **August 8, 2005** with sufficient postage affixed for first class mail.

Nancy Lampert

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME
this eighth day of August, 2005

Brenda Boehner
Notary Public



Watershed Unit Tax Certification Review sheet

Project Name: Gold Star FS, Inc.
 Reviewer: JRA
 Log No: TC-31-04

Location: Enge
Date: 12 Jan 85
Type: ☒ Agchem
 ☐ Livestock

ADDRESSES: Marve Kading
101 N. East Street
Cambridge IL 61234
(309) 937-3369

Contact: K. H. Honneger
Phone: (416) 656-8046

Facility: 9087 Moline Road
Erie, IL 61250

Property ID: 20-05-152-C05

Legal Description: Sec 5 T19N R4E of 48PM

Country: White side

Date Control: _____
Devices installed: 1995

Provided
Fair Cash
Value: \$ 60,000

Signature: Marve Kadings

Title: Service Dept - Manager

Wastes:

- ☐ Livestock waste is applied to cropland.
- ☒ Agrochemical rinsate and spillage is recycled through the facility and/or land applied.
- ☐ Other: _____

Physical Description of Pollution Control Devices:

Other: _____

AgChem

Project Name: Gold Star - Erie

Log No.: TC- 31-04

Permit Number: 93122510

0-2107686 issued Feb 26, 2004

<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Log Number</u>
1	Liquid agrichemical operational area containment structures 42' x 64' x 1' conc -	03107686
—	Dry fertilizer blended with pesticide operational containment structures	
2	Bulk liquid agrichemical secondary containment structures SC-1 20' x 32' x 2' conc - pest. (2) SC-2 24' x 48' x 4' conc - fert. (200)	03107686
—	Minibulk/package agrichemical secondary containment structures	
	The portion of the building over	
1	Liquid agrichemical operational area containment structures 42' x 64' x 1'	
—	Dry fertilizer blended with pesticide operational containment structures	
1	Bulk liquid agrichemical secondary containment structures SC-1	
1	Dry fertilizer blending operational containment structures 6-B 24.5' x 55.92' x 1' Dry fertilizer operational containment structure 12.25' x 120.33'	
1	Associated collection and recovery systems	
2	Dry fertilizer operational containment structures 12.25' x 120.33' conc - and trans w/w storage & blower (100) 10' x 25' conc - unloading 20' x 30' conc - loading	03107686
1	Dry fertilizer blending operational containment structures 6-B 24.5' x 55.92' conc.	03107686
—	Dry fertilizer aisleway operational containment structure	

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BULK DRY FERTILIZER STRUCTURES

Operation of an existing bulk dry fertilizer storage building measuring 56' (width) x 168' (length) with an estimated total storage capacity of 975 tons. The structure is composed of ten (10) storage bins (eight (8) bins, each bin measuring 12' (width) x 31.5' (length) with an estimated storage capacity of 100 tons each, one (1) bin measuring 12' (width) x 31.5' (length) with an estimated storage capacity of 75 tons, and one (1) bin measuring 12.33' (width) x 31.5' (length) with an estimated storage capacity of 100 tons).

All bulk dry fertilizer shall be stored within the herein permitted structure.

Operation of an existing reinforced concrete operational containment structure measuring 12.25' (width) x 120.33' (length). The endloader transfer of bulk dry fertilizer between storage and the blender shall be performed upon the herein permitted structure.

Operation of an existing reinforced concrete operational containment structure measuring 10' (width) x 25' (length). The unloading of bulk dry fertilizer transportation and application equipment shall be performed upon the herein permitted structure.

Operation of an existing reinforced concrete operational containment structure with the greatest dimensions measuring 24.5' (width) x 55.92' (length). All blending of bulk dry fertilizer shall be performed upon the herein permitted structure.

Operation of an existing reinforced concrete operational containment structure measuring 20' (width) x 30' (length). All loading of bulk dry fertilizer transportation and application equipment shall be performed upon the herein permitted structure.

There shall be no discharge of wastewater from the herein permitted facilities.

This permit has been reviewed and approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency per the attached permit endorsement. This permit is subject to standard conditions on the reverse side of this document and the following special conditions:



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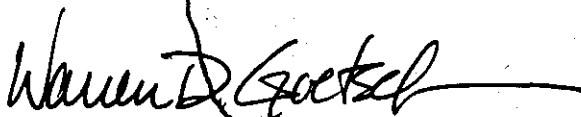
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SPECIAL CONDITION 1: The permittee shall provide backflow protection in accordance with the Illinois Department of Public Health Plumbing Code (77 Ill. Adm. Code 890) and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Technical Policy Statement (35 Ill. Adm. Code 653.803(c)(4)).

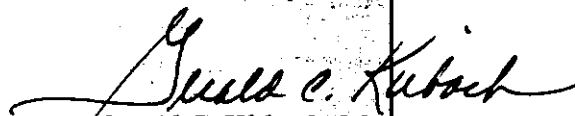
SPECIAL CONDITION 2: The permittee may discharge accumulated precipitation from the herein permitted bulk liquid fertilizer secondary containment structure (SC-2) pursuant to 8 Illinois Administrative Code 255.110 (a) (2) (A) and (B).

SPECIAL CONDITION 3: The permittee shall employ concentric piping for the piping span from the bulk liquid fertilizer secondary containment structure (SC-2) to the operational containment structure.

THE STANDARD CONDITIONS OF ISSUANCE ON THE REVERSE SIDES OF THIS MUST BE COMPLIED WITH IN FULL.



Warren D. Goetsch, P.E.
Chief, Bureau of Environmental Programs



Gerald C. Kirbach, Manager
Permits and Downstate Field Operations

cc: Illinois EPA: WPC: Permits
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Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor • Chuck Hartke, Director

Bureau of Environmental Programs

State Fairgrounds • P.O. Box 19281 • Springfield, IL 62794-9281 • 217/785-2427 (voice/TDD) • Fax 217/524-4882
Pesticide Misuse Hotline 1-800-641-3934 (voice/TDD)

January 30, 2004

Gold Star FS, Inc.
9087 Moline Road
Erie, IL 61250

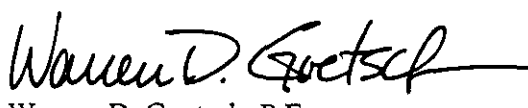
Dear Agrichemical Facility Permit Applicant:

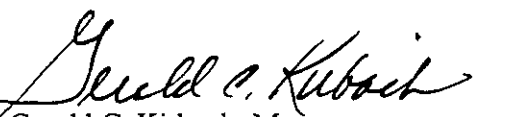
Enclosed is the construction and/or operating permit as approved by the Illinois Department of Agriculture and endorsed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Please carefully review and follow the Standard and Special Conditions of the Permit and Endorsement.

Prior to construction, the Department and the Agency caution you to carefully evaluate past operational practices at the site. Should you suspect environmental (soil, surface or groundwater) contamination, it is advisable to determine the extent and severity of such contamination prior to construction and remediate these areas as required.

We appreciate your cooperation with the Department in this process. Should you have any questions or comments regarding your Agrichemical Facility Permit, please contact the Agrichemical Containment Program at (217) 785-0780.

Sincerely,


Warren D. Goetsch, P.E.
Chief, Bureau of Environmental Programs


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Watershed Management Division
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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION (PROPERTY TAX TREATMENT)

POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

AIR ☐WATER ☒

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

P. O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276

This Agency is authorized to request this information under Illinois Revised Statutes, 1979, Chapter, 120, Section 502a-5. Disclosure of this information is voluntary. However, failure to comply could prevent your application from being processed or could result in denial of your application for certification.

FOR AGENCY USE

File No. _____ Date Received _____ Certification No. _____ Date 11/24/04

Sec. A APPLICANT	Company Name Gold Star FS Inc.	
	Person Authorized to Receive Certification Marve Karing	Person to Contact for Additional Details Keith Honegger
	Street Address 101 N. East Street	Street Address 3200 Old Troy Road
	Municipality, State & Zip Code Cambridge, IL 61238	Municipality, State & Zip Code Glen Carbon, IL 62034
	Telephone Number 309/337-3369	Telephone Number 618/656-8046
	Location of Facility Quarter Section _____ Township _____ Range _____	Municipality _____ Township _____
	Street Address 9087 Moline Road	County _____ Book Number _____
	Property Identification Number 20-05-152-005	Parcel Number _____
Sec. B MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS	Nature of Operations Conducted at the Above Location Mixing, Loading, and Storing of Agrichemicals and Fertilizers	
	Water Pollution Control Construction Permit No. 93122510	Date Issued Feb 26, 2004
	Log# 03107686	NPDES PERMIT No. _____
	Air Pollution Control Construction Permit No. _____	Date Issued _____
	Air Pollution Control Operating Permit No. _____	Date Issued _____
Sec. C MANUFACTURING PROCESS	Describe Unit Process RECEIVED DEC 06 2004 ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BOW/WPC/PERMIT SECTION	
	Materials Used in Process 1) Agrichemical containment structure consisting of one agrichemical operational area containment structures (42' x 64' x 1') and two secondary containment structures (22' x 32' x 2' & 36' x 48' x 4') and the building covering the one operational containment structure. Four bulk fertilizer operational containment structures (12.25' x 120.33', 10' x 25', 24.5' x 55.92' & 20' x 30') and the building over the 24.5' x 55.92' containment area used for the blending of bulk dry fertilizer and the portion of the building over the operational containment area used for the conveyance of bulk dry fertilizer from storage to blending (12.25' x 120.33'); associated collection and recover systems as endorsed by Agrichemical Facility	
Sec. D POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY DESCRIPTION	Describe Pollution Abatement Control Facility Permit No. 93112510 Log # 03107686	

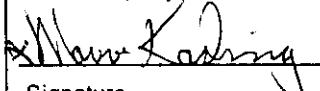

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Tax Certification for Pollution Control Facilities

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Sec. E	POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY - CONTAMINANTS	(1) Nature of Contaminants or Pollutants			
				Material Retained, Captured or Recovered	
		Contaminant or Pollutant	DESCRIPTION	DISPOSAL OR USE	
		Fertilizer	Various Nitrogen, Phosphorus & Potash	Recycle	
		(2) Point(s) of Waste Water Discharge			
ACCOUNTING DATA	POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY - ACCOUNTING DATA				
		Plans and Specifications Attached		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		(3)	Are contaminants (or residues) collected by the control facility?		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		(4)	Date installation completed <u>1995</u> status of installation on date of application <u>operational</u>		
		(5)	a. FAIR CASH VALUE IF CONSIDERED REAL PROPERTY:		\$ 60,000
			b. NET SALVAGE VALUE IF CONSIDERED REAL PROPERTY:		\$ 6,000
			c. PRODUCTIVE GROSS ANNUAL INCOME OF CONTROL FACILITY:		\$ 0
			d. PRODUCTIVE NET ANNUAL INCOME OF CONTROL FACILITY:		\$ 0
			e. PERCENTAGE CONTROL FACILITY BEARS TO WHOLE FACILITY VALUE:		% 100
		Sec. F	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. The facilities claimed herein are "pollution control facilities" as defined in Section 11-10 of the Illinois Property Tax Code.	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">  Signature </div> <div style="width: 45%;">  Title </div> </div>					
INSTRUCTIONS	INSTRUCTIONS	INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPILING AND FILING APPLICATION			
		General: Separate applications must be completed for each control facility claimed. Do not mix types (water and air). Where both air and water operations are related, file two applications. If attachments are needed, record them consecutively on an index sheet.			
		Sec. A	Information refers to applicant as listed in the tax records and the person to be contacted for further details or for inspection of facilities. Define facility location by street address or legal description. A plat map location is required for facilities located outside of municipal boundaries. The property identification number is required.		
		Sec. B	Self-explanatory. Submit copies of all permits issued by local pollution control agencies. (e.g. MSD Construction Permit)		
		Sec. C	Refers to manufacturing processes or materials on which pollution control facility is used.		
		Sec. D	Narrative description of the pollution control facility, indicating that its primary purpose is to eliminate, prevent or reduce pollution. State the type of control facility. State permit number, date, and agency issuing permit. A narrative description and a process flow diagram describing the pollution control facility. Include a listing of each major piece of equipment included in the claimed fair cash value for real property. Include an <u>average</u> analysis of the influent and effluent of the control facility stating the collection efficiency.		
		Sec. E	List air contaminants, or water pollution substances released as effluents to the manufacturing processes. List also the final disposal of any contaminants removed from the manufacturing processes. Item (1) - Refers to pollutants and contaminants removed from the process by the pollution control facility. Item (2) - Refers to water pollution but can apply to water-carried wastes from air pollution control facilities. 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. Item (3) - If the collected contaminants are disposed of other than as wastes, state the disposition of the materials, and the value in dollars reclaimed by sale or reuse of the collected substances. State the cost of reclamation and related expense. Item (4) - State the date which the pollution control facility was first placed in service and operated. If not, explain. Item (5) - This information is essential to the certification and assessment actions. This accounting data must be completed to activate project review prior to certification by this Agency.		
		Sec. F	Self-explanatory. Signature must be a corporate authorized signature.		
			Submit to:	Attention:	Attention:
			Illinois EPA P.O. Box 19276 Springfield, IL 62794-9276	Thomas McSwiggin Permit Section Division of Water Pollution Control	Donald E. Sutton Permit Section Division of Air Pollution Control

State of Illinois
Department of Agriculture
AGRICHEMICAL CONTAINMENT PERMIT

Permittee:

Gold Star FS, Inc.
9087 Moline Road
Erie, IL 61250

Facility ID Number: AC1953110000

Facility Location: Erie, IL

Permit #: AC93122510

Log Number: 03107636

Facility Type: Commercial-Retail Dealer

Date Received: October 27, 2003

Date Issued: February 26, 2004

Expiration Date: February 26, 2009

Permit is hereby granted to the above designated permittee to construct and operate an agrichemical containment facility as follows:

OPERATIONAL CONTAINMENT STRUCTURES

Operation of an existing reinforced concrete operational containment structure measuring 42' (width) x 64' (length) x 1' (depth) with a total design capacity of 1,066.0 cubic feet (ft.³). The floor shall slope to a series of four (4) sumps (two (2) sumps for the separation of solids and two (2) sumps for the recovery of liquids), each sump measuring 1.5' (width) x 2.5' (length) x 1.33' (depth) to facilitate the collection and recovery of all escaped product and/or agrichemical wastewater. All recovered effluent shall be transferred to one (1) of two (2) 500 gallon recovery tanks with a manually activated sump pump. Segregation shall be performed based upon the applicable target crop and label use. All loading, unloading, and washing of bulk liquid agrichemical transportation and application equipment shall be performed upon the herein permitted structure.

SECONDARY CONTAINMENT STRUCTURES

Operation of an existing reinforced concrete secondary containment structure measuring 22' (width) x 32' (length) x 2' (height) with a total design capacity of 1,233.0 cubic feet (ft.³). The floor shall slope to a single sump measuring 1.5' (width) x 1.5' (length) x 0.75' (depth) to facilitate the collection and recovery of all escaped product and/or agrichemical wastewater. All recovered effluent shall be transferred to one (1) of the two (2) aforementioned 500 gallon recovery tanks with a manually activated sump pump. Segregation shall be performed based upon the applicable target crop and label use. All bulk liquid pesticides shall be stored within the said structure. This structure shall be referred to as SC-1.



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Operation of an existing reinforced concrete secondary containment structure measuring 36' (width) x 48' (length) x 4' (height) with a total design capacity of 6,471.0 cubic feet (ft.³). The floor shall slope to a single sump measuring 1.5' (width) x 1.5' (length) x 0.75' (depth) to facilitate the collection and recovery of all escaped product and/or agrichemical wastewater. All recovered effluent shall be transferred to one (1) of the two (2) aforementioned 500 gallon recovery tanks with a manually activated sump pump. Segregation shall be performed based upon the applicable target crop and label use. All bulk liquid fertilizer shall be stored within the said structure. This structure shall be referred to as SC-2.

BULK DRY FERTILIZER STRUCTURES

Operation of an existing bulk dry fertilizer storage building measuring 56' (width) x 168' (length) with an estimated total storage capacity of 975 tons. The structure is composed of ten (10) storage bins (eight (8) bins, each bin measuring 12' (width) x 31.5' (length) with an estimated storage capacity of 100 tons each, one (1) bin measuring 12' (width) x 31.5' (length) with an estimated storage capacity of 75 tons, and one (1) bin measuring 12.33' (width) x 31.5' (length) with an estimated storage capacity of 100 tons).

All bulk dry fertilizer shall be stored within the herein permitted structure.

Operation of an existing reinforced concrete operational containment structure measuring 12.25' (width) x 120.33' (length). The endloader transfer of bulk dry fertilizer between storage and the blender shall be performed upon the herein permitted structure.

Operation of an existing reinforced concrete operational containment structure measuring 10' (width) x 25' (length). The unloading of bulk dry fertilizer transportation and application equipment shall be performed upon the herein permitted structure.

Operation of an existing reinforced concrete operational containment structure with the greatest dimensions measuring 24.5' (width) x 55.92' (length). All blending of bulk dry fertilizer shall be performed upon the herein permitted structure.

Operation of an existing reinforced concrete operational containment structure measuring 20' (width) x 30' (length). All loading of bulk dry fertilizer transportation and application equipment shall be performed upon the herein permitted structure.

There shall be no discharge of wastewater from the herein permitted facilities.

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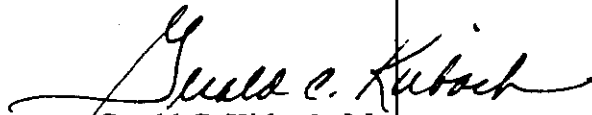
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THE STANDARD CONDITIONS OF ISSUANCE ON THE REVERSE SIDES OF THIS MUST BE COMPLIED WITH IN FULL.



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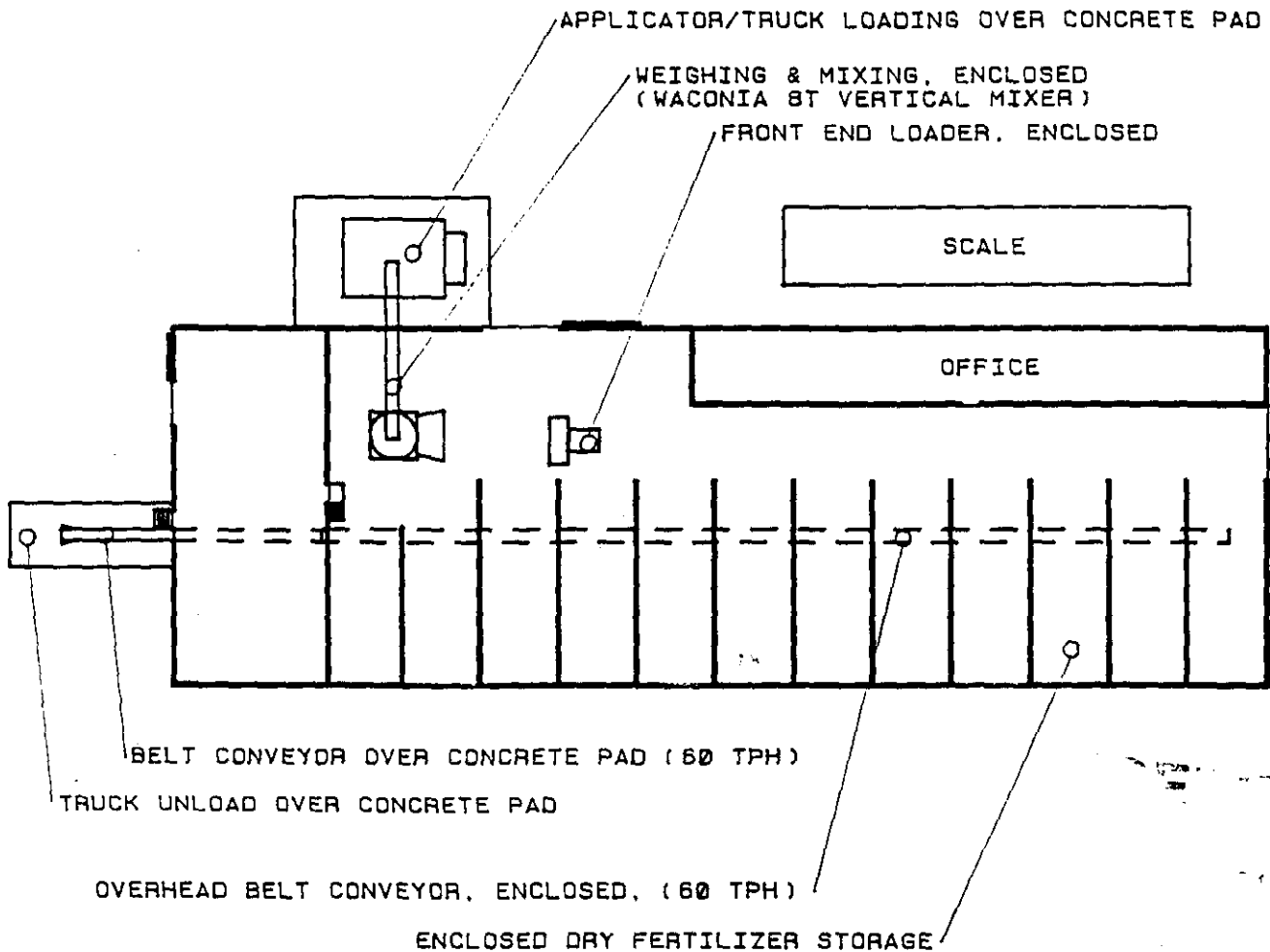
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