

**BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD**

Falcon Ridge Farms, LLC )  
(Property Identification Number ) PCB No. 23 -  
01-0-0250-002-00 ) (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.

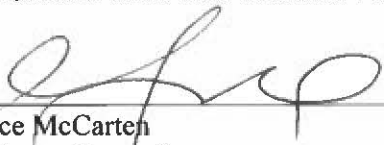
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DATED: November 20, 2023

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**A P P E A R A N C E**

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

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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 May 18, 2023, the Illinois EPA received a request from Falcon Ridge Farms, LLC (Log number TC-147741, 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: Falcon Ridge Farms, LLC  
Carrie Pollard  
2785 North 2000<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Clayton, Illinois 62324

The proposed water pollution control facilities in this request are located in the SE ¼ of Section 21, T1N, R5W of the 4th P.M. in Adams County, at the above street address and consist of the following livestock waste management structures:

Two (2) concrete livestock waste pits, each measuring 336 ft. (length) x 160 ft. (width) x 10 ft. (depth) and the portion of concrete slatted flooring over these manure pits.

One (1) concrete livestock waste pit measuring 484 ft. (length) x 140 ft. (width) x 2 ft. (depth), the portion of concrete slatted flooring over this manure pit, and 50 linear feet of 8 inch diameter PVC sewer pipe for connection to the above mentioned 10 foot deep pits.

One (1) concrete livestock waste pit measuring 306 ft. (length) x 104 ft. (width) x 10 ft. (depth) and the portion of concrete slatted flooring over this manure pit.

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 (2022), and Section 125.200(a) of the Board's regulations, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.200(a), define "pollution control facilities" as:

any system, method, construction, device or appliance appurtenant thereto or any portion of any building or equipment, that is designed, constructed, installed or operated for the primary purpose of: eliminating, preventing, or reducing air or water pollution ...or treating, pretreating, modifying or disposing of any potential solid, liquid or gaseous pollutant which if released without treatment, pretreatment modification or disposal might be harmful, detrimental or offensive to human, plant or animal life, or to property.

4. In order to receive preferential tax treatment as pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/11-5 (2022), pollution control facilities must be certified as such by the Board, 35 ILCS 200/11-20 (2022) and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.200(a).
5. Upon receipt of a tax certification application, the Illinois EPA must file a recommendation on the application with the Board, 35 Ill Adm. Code 125.204(a).
6. Based on the information in the application and the purpose of the facility, it is the Illinois EPA's engineering judgment that the described facilities may be considered "pollution control facilities," pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.200(a), with the primary purpose of eliminating, preventing, or reducing water pollution, or as otherwise provided in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 125.200, and are eligible for tax certification from the Board.

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

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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 *DEL*

Date: **OCT 24 2023**

Re: Falcon Ridge Farms, LLC - Clayton  
Recommendation of Tax Certification  
Log No.: TC-147741  
BOW ID No.: W0018030003  
Property Index Number: 01-0-0250-002-00

The Bureau of Water received a request on May 18, 2023 from Falcon Ridge Farms, LLC, having a principal place of business at 2435 Bethany Rd., Sycamore, IL, 60178, for an Illinois EPA recommendation regarding the tax certification of water pollution control facilities pursuant to 35 Il. Adm. Code 125.204. We offer the following recommendation.

The water pollution control facilities in this request include the following:

Falcon Ridge Farms, LLC  
2785 N 2000th Ave  
Clayton, IL 62324

SE 1/4 of Section 21, Township 1-North, Range 5-West of the 4th PM in Adams County.

Livestock waste management facilities consisting of:

Two (2) concrete livestock waste pits, each measuring 336 ft. (length) x 160 ft. (width) x 10 ft. (depth) and the portion of concrete slatted flooring over these manure pits.

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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 IAC 125.200(a), with the primary purpose of eliminating, preventing, or reducing water pollution, or as otherwise provided in this section, and therefore

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Tax Certification Recommendation

Log No. TC-147741

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 Darren Gove at 217/782-0610.

DRG:TC-147741\_Tax Cert Recommendation\_18May23.docx

cc: Tax Cert File

Illinois EPA - Bureau of Water - Division of Pollution Control  
Title 35 Subtitle A Part 125 Tax Certifications  
Illinois EPA Review Notes for:

**Agency Recommendation of Pollution Control Facilities.**

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**BOW ID #:** W0018030003

**Project Name:** Falcon Ridge Farms, LLC

**Pollution Control Facility Type:**

Swine Livestock Waste Management Facility

**Date application received:** 5/18/2023

**Property ID:** 01-0-0250-002-00

**Reviewer:** DRG

**Applicant:** Falcon Ridge Farms, LLC

2435 Bethany Rd.

**Log number:** TC-147741

Sycamore, IL, 60178

**Legal Description:**

SE 1/4 of Section 21 Twp: 1-North Range: 5-West  
PM: 4th

**Facility:** Falcon Ridge Farms, LLC

2785 N 2000th Ave  
Clayton, IL 62324

**County:** Adams

**Date Control Devices installed:** 2015

**Facility Contact:**

**Application Signature by:** Carrie Pollard

**Phone:** 815 756-3279

**Title:** Manager

Contents of Application: New form (5 pages), facility diagram, and facility narrative

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 consisting of:

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**Notes:**

**Nothing follows – DRG - (October 24, 2023)**

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## Division of Water Pollution Control

### Tax Certification Form for Livestock Operations

This form's purpose is for the application for tax certification of water pollution control facilities at a livestock operation in accordance with 35 Ill. Admin. Code Part 125. For purposes of this form, a water pollution control facility ("facility") is designed, constructed, installed or operated for the primary purpose of eliminating, preventing, or reducing water pollution. Multiple facilities may be submitted using this form; however, all facilities must be located on the same livestock operation site. Separate applications must be completed for separate livestock operations.

All other types of operations (e.g. industrial, 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: [www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/forms/water-permits/tax-certification](http://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/forms/water-permits/tax-certification)

#### I. Applicant Information

Company: Falcon Ridge Farms, LLC

##### Person Authorized to Receive Certification

Name: Falcon Ridge Farms, LLC

Street Addr: 2435 Bethany Rd.

City: Sycamore State: IL ZIP: 60178

Phone: 815-756-3279 ext: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: carrie.pollard@pipestone.com

##### Person to Contact for Additional Details

Name: Carrie Pollard

Street Addr: 2435 Bethany Rd.

City: Sycamore State: IL ZIP: 60178

Phone: 815-756-3279 ext: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: carrie.pollard@pipestone.com

#### II. Livestock Operation Information

##### Site Location

The location of the parcel of land where the facilities are located and given by quarter section, township, range and county must be provided. The Public Land Survey System information is available on county plat maps or at [www.isgs.illinois.edu/pls](http://www.isgs.illinois.edu/pls)

Quarter Section: SE - 21 Township: 1N Range: 5W Prime Meridian: 4th County: Adams

Municipality Name: Clayton

Township Name: Clayton

Street Address: 2785 N 2000th Ave

City: Clayton State: IL ZIP: 62324

Property Index Number(s): 01-0-0250-002-00

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A property index number (PIN) for the parcel of land where pollution control facilities are located is required. If multiple PINs are applicable to the requested facilities, you must identify all applicable PINs in the above line and in Section III below. If you do not know your PIN you may obtain it from your records or your County's tax assessors website which may be found on the Illinois Department of Revenue website at [www2.illinois.gov/rev/Individuals/Pages/IllinoisCounties.aspx](http://www2.illinois.gov/rev/Individuals/Pages/IllinoisCounties.aspx)

**Livestock Activities:** Provide descriptions of the livestock operations including type of animals at the site. (Text box will expand.)

Swine farrowing & breeding confinement operation with ~6000 sows.

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**Pollutant Sources:** Identify potential sources of water pollution that are being controlled (i.e., beef feedlot runoff, swine manure, silage leachate, etc.). Provide estimated quantities of each pollutant that is produced in gallons per year. (Text box will expand.)

Swine manure is being controlled with the concrete deep pit facilities.

Are the pollutants collected by the facility land applied?

Yes  No

If No, provide a description of the final disposition of the pollutants which are collected by the facility.

**III. Pollution Control Facility Information**

Applicant must ensure each requested pollution control facility is represented accurately in both Part A and Part B of this Section.

**Part A. Operational Diagram**

Using the space provided below or on a separate sheet of paper, provide a plan sketch or map of the livestock operation scaled to show the location and layout of all the requested facilities. All requested facilities must be clearly identified on this diagram. Each facility should be labeled with the pollution control facility number identified in Part B of this Section and primary dimensions to help distinguish between other requested facilities. Please include labels of roadways, downstream waterways, other important landmarks and a north seeking arrow.

Check this box if the required diagram was completed on a separate sheet and attached to this application.

**Part B. Pollution Control Facility Data**

For each separate requested pollution control facility in this application, provide written or typed responses to all of the following questions. Use the button below the questions to add blank questions for each additional requested facility.

**Pollution Control Facility Number 1**

Name of pollution control facility: Gestation 1

Provide a physical description including all pertinent dimensions (length, width, depth, diameter), construction materials (e.g. steel, HDPE, concrete block, etc.), and rating (e.g. 10 HP centrifugal pump). (Text box will expand.)

Gestation 1 is a 160' x 336' barn with a 10' deep concrete pit

Is the requested facility used 100 percent for elimination, prevention, or reduction of water pollution?

Yes  No

If No, list all other uses of the facility and provide a use-percentage estimate for each of those other uses.

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

Date of installation or status of installation: 2015

Property Index Number (PIN): 01-0-0250-002-00

Applicable Illinois EPA permit number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Are supplemental diagrams or construction drawings for this pollution control facility attached to the application?  Yes  No

If Yes, please label the diagram with the specific pollution control facility number identified above.

**Pollution Control Facility Number 2**

Name of pollution control facility: Gestation 2

Provide a physical description including all pertinent dimensions (length, width, depth, diameter), construction materials (e.g. steel, HDPE, concrete block, etc.), and rating (e.g. 10 HP centrifugal pump). (Text box will expand.)

Gestation 2 is a 160' x 336' barn with a 10' deep concrete pit

Is the requested facility used 100 percent for elimination, prevention, or reduction of water pollution?  Yes  No

If No, list all other uses of the facility and provide a use-percentage estimate for each of those other uses.

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

Date of installation or status of installation: 2015

Property Index Number (PIN): 01-0-0250-002-00

Applicable Illinois EPA permit number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Are supplemental diagrams or construction drawings for this pollution control facility attached to the application?  Yes  No

If Yes, please label the diagram with the specific pollution control facility number identified above.

**Pollution Control Facility Number 3**

Name of pollution control facility: Farrowing

Provide a physical description including all pertinent dimensions (length, width, depth, diameter), construction materials (e.g. steel, HDPE, concrete block, etc.), and rating (e.g. 10 HP centrifugal pump). (Text box will expand.)

Farrowing is a 140' x 484' building with a 2' deep concrete pit that drains via a 8" diameter, 50' long PVC sewer pipe via gravity flow to the Gestation barn.

Is the requested facility used 100 percent for elimination, prevention, or reduction of water pollution?  Yes  No

If No, list all other uses of the facility and provide a use-percentage estimate for each of those other uses.

Original cost of the pollution control facility: 860,000

Date of installation or status of installation: 2015

Property Index Number (PIN): 01-0-0250-002-00

Applicable Illinois EPA permit number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Are supplemental diagrams or construction drawings for this pollution control facility attached to the application?  Yes  No

If Yes, please label the diagram with the specific pollution control facility number identified above.

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.

Surface water would travel via overland flow from the facility to either the north or east of the facility. It would then enter unnamed intermittent water ditch, which would eventually flow to the north and west. The farm has a stormwater management and spill control & prevention plan in place to prevent any discharges from the facility from leaving the property.

Identify local ditches, streams, rivers, ponds or lakes that may receive wastewater or polluted stormwater runoff from the operation. Also identify any named waterways that are immediately downstream from the local waterway.

The flow path to receiving waters would eventually find its way via overland flow to unnamed ditch/intermittent waterway to Missouri Creek.

**V. Approvals of Application and Signature**

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

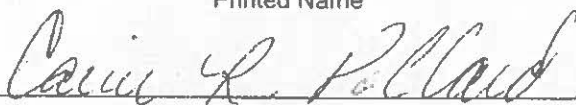
Any person who knowingly makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent material statement, orally or in writing, to the Illinois EPA commits a Class 4 felony. A second or subsequent offense after conviction is a Class 3 felony. (415 ILCS 5/44(h))

Carrie Pollard

Technical Services Manager

Printed Name

Title



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Signature

Date

**VI. Submittal of Your Application**

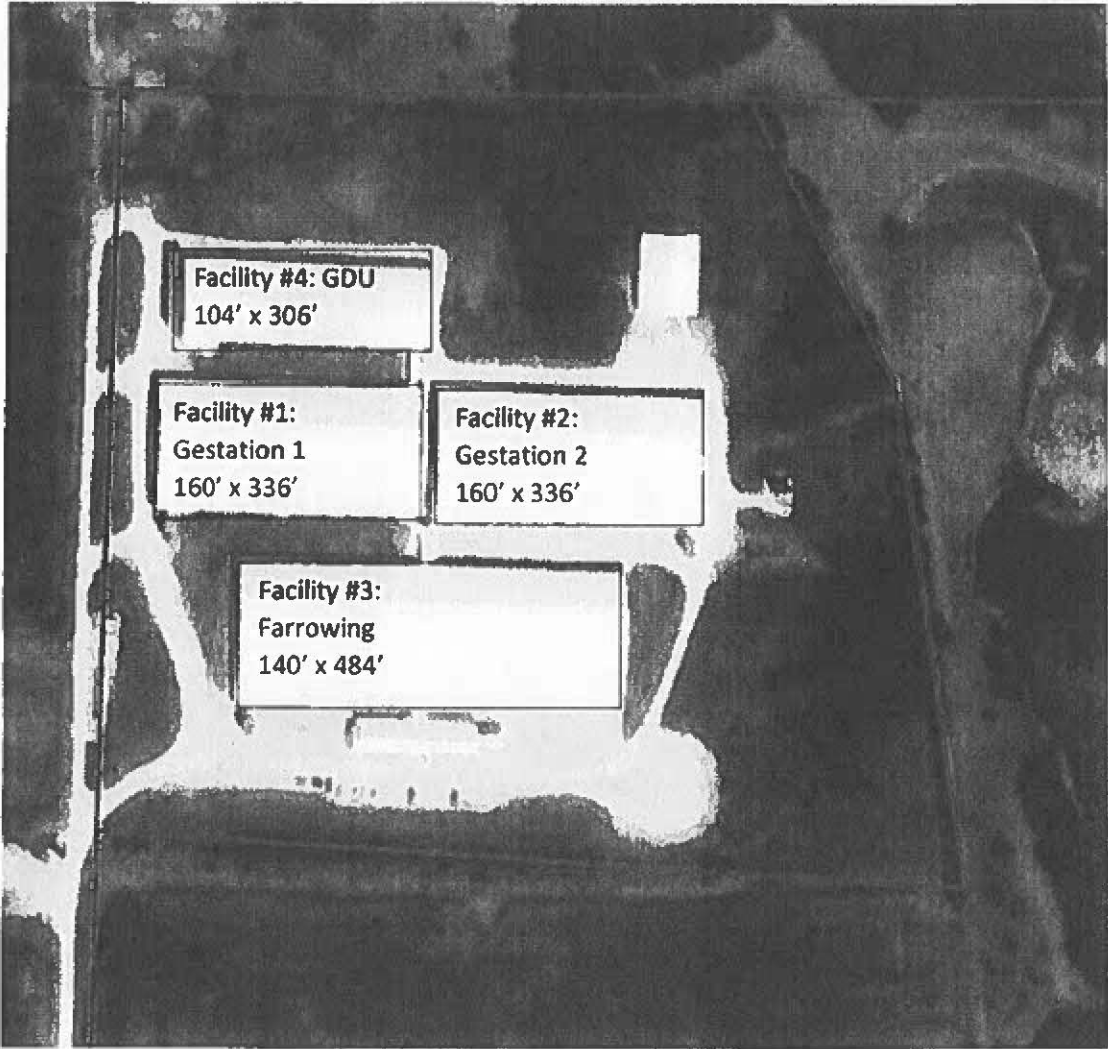
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**Attachments:** Please only send attachments on 8.5" x 11" paper, do not send 11" x 17" sheets.

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

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Division of Water Pollution Control, Mail Code #15  
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**Falcon Ridge Farms, LLC**  
**Pollution Control Application**



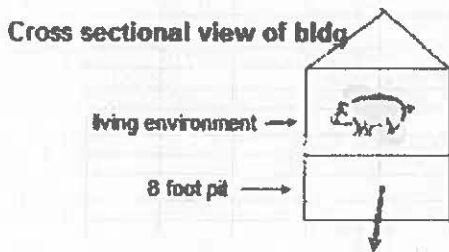
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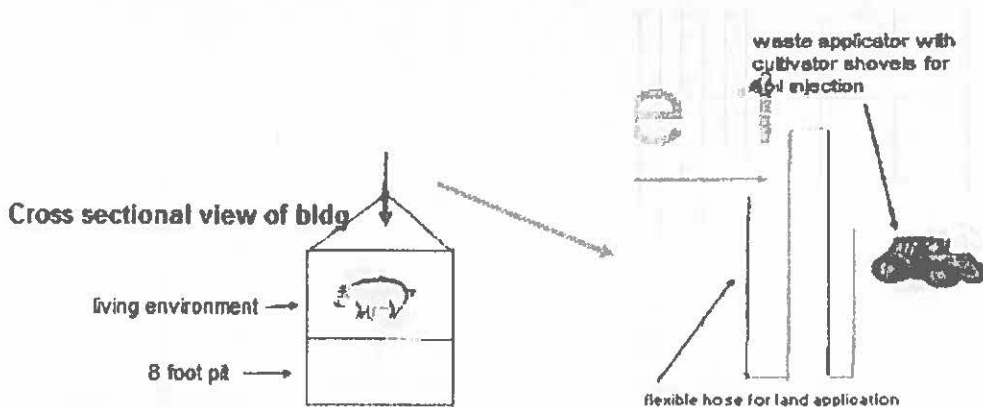
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Concrete manure pits under these swine buildings should eliminate any pollution. The parts of the structure would be the slatted concrete floor, the pit itself, and associated structural components (beams, columns, etc.).

Manure travels from the pig, vertically through the concrete slatted floor into the 2' or 8' deep concrete pits for the various buildings. The farrowing 2' deep pit is connected to the gestation barns via a PVC sewer line drain that gravity drains the 2' pull plug pits. Manure can be manually pumped between pits to allow for increased storage.



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



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 November 20, 2023, 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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