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From: [McCarten, Grace](#)
To: [Rao, Anand](#); [Brown, Don](#)
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Subject: RE: Mark and Jared Waldbeser (Property Identification Number 38-18-300-011) v. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, PCB 26-15
Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 8:54:31 AM
Attachments: [Re \[External\] Re Mark and Jared Waldbeser Tax Certification Request TC-151283.pdf](#)
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[Revised Barn Drawings 2.pdf](#)

Hi Anand,

I have received the engineering documents for the Waldbeser tax certification recommendation, see attached. Is sending those drawings via this email sufficient or would the Board prefer an additional filing to amend the recommendation?

Thank you,
Grace



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Thank you Grace for the quick turnaround!

From: McCarten, Grace <Grace.McCarten@Illinois.gov>
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Hi Anand,

I will be able to file the revised recommendation with drawings tomorrow.

Thank you,



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Thank you Don!

If they don't respond in time, we can always hold this for the next Board meeting.

From: Brown, Don <Don.Brown@illinois.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 2:29 PM
To: McCarten, Grace <Grace.McCarten@Illinois.gov>; Rao, Anand <Anand.Rao@illinois.gov>
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Hi Grace. I'm out of the office Tuesday and Wednesday. Please include everyone on this email on any responses. Thanks!

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From: Brown, Don

Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 12:53 PM

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Hi Grace. After reviewing the Waldbeser request, the following was noted:

The tax certification application does not include any drawings showing the dimensions of the facilities, including pump out pits. IEPA states, "No flow diagram provided or requested due to simplicity of pollution control device/ request." Pet. at 7. Tax certification applications for similar facilities usually include flow diagram as well as drawings of the facility showing the dimensions.

We would still like drawings with dimensions, if possible. Please submit the requested information. We have this scheduled for next Thursday's Board meeting and would like to go forward with it if possible.

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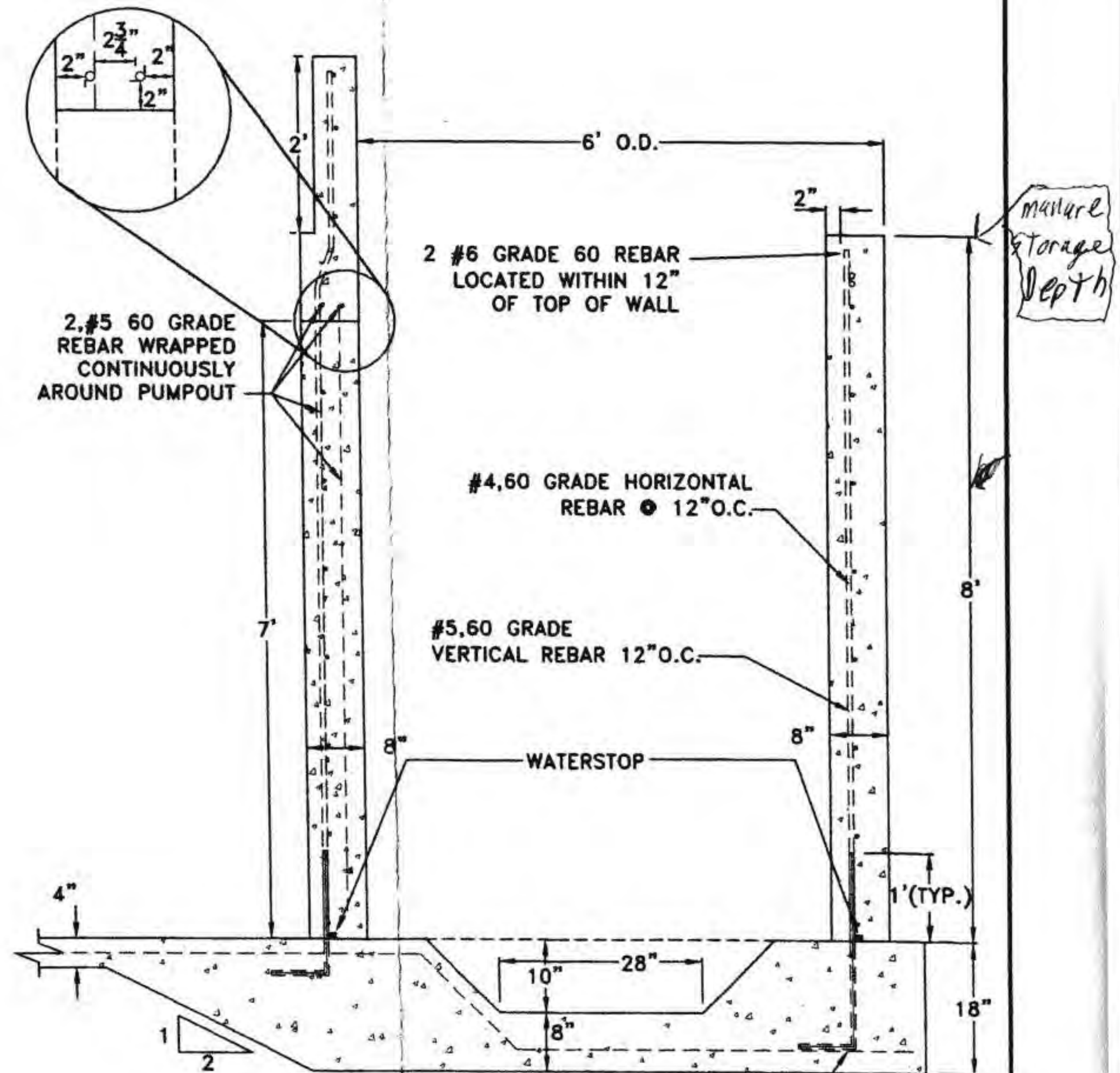
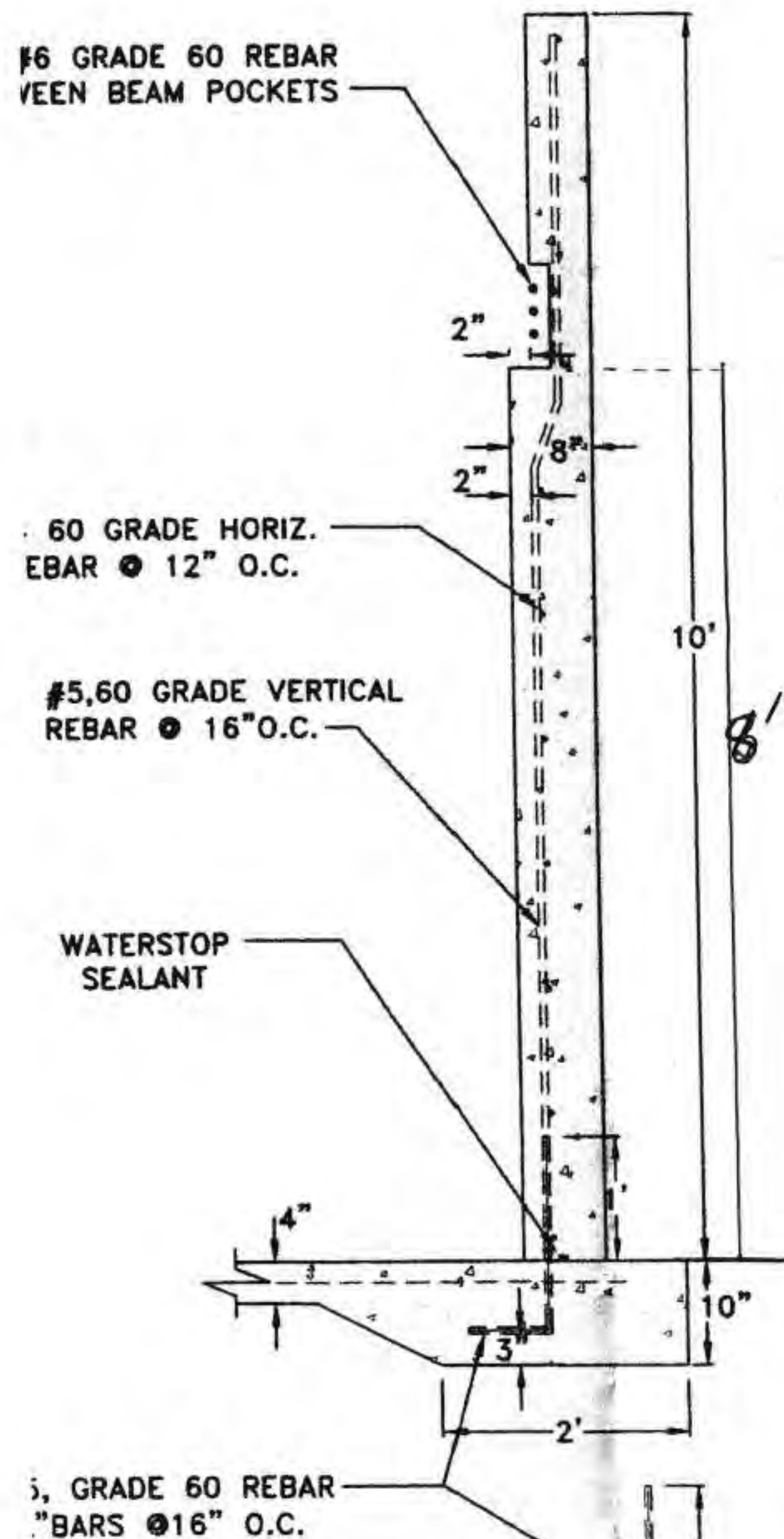
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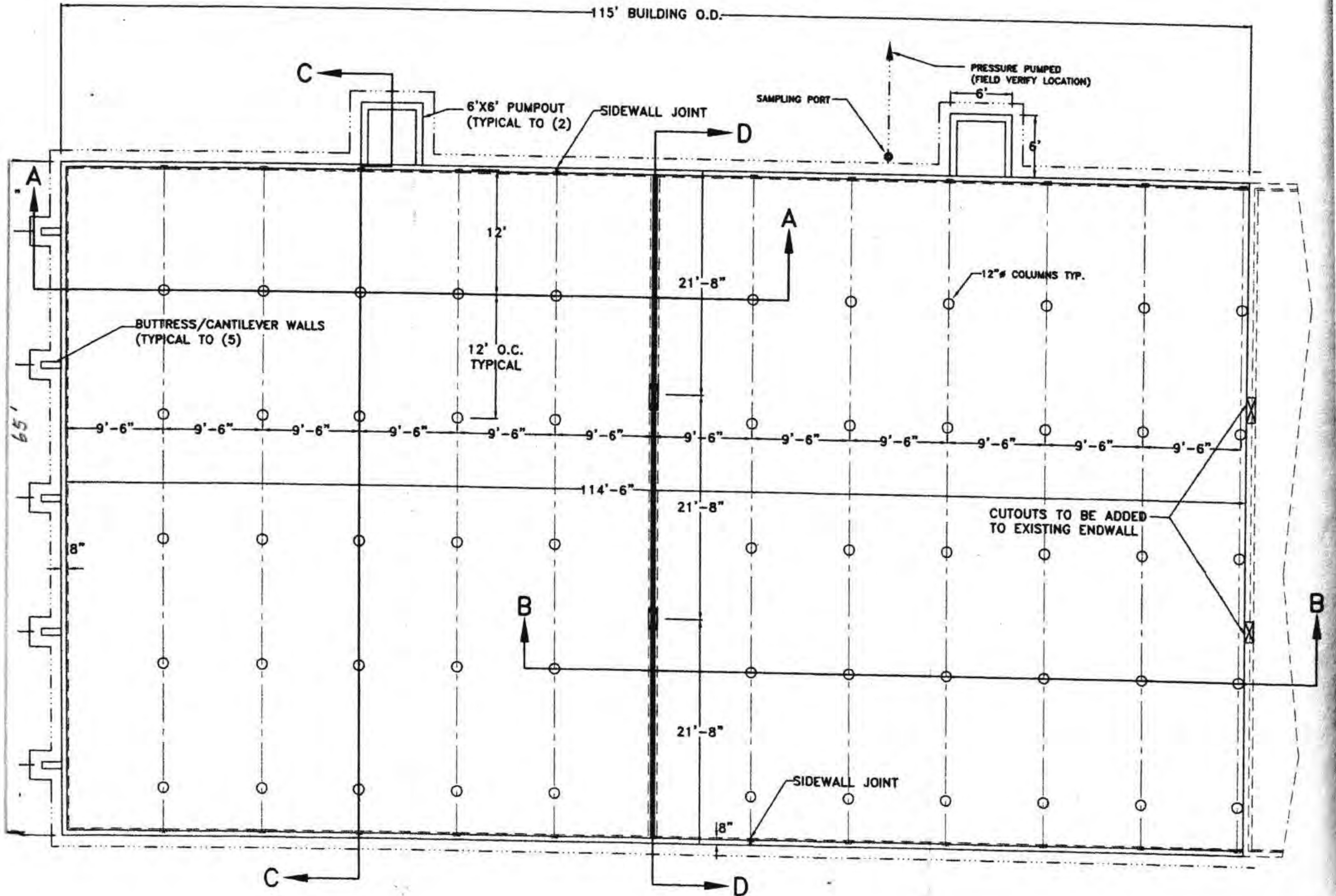
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PUMP OUT DETAIL

SIDE WALL DETAIL





BAR(4 BARS)

SIDE WALL DETAIL

**(3) #6 GRADE 60 REBAR
BETWEEN BEAM POCKETS**

#4 60 GRADE HORIZ.
REBAR @ 12" O.C.

3 GRADE VERTICAL
R (4 BARS)

**60 GRADE REBAR
DOWELS**

60 GRADE REBAR
S • 10" O.C.

AL TO
NS)

#5,60 GRADE VERTICAL
REBAR @ 16" O.C. ↘

WATERSTOP SEALANT

#5, GRADE 60 REBAR
"L" BARS @16" O.C.

6" X 6" #6 WELDED WIRE MESH
(TYPICAL TO ALL FLATWORK)

**2.45 60 GRADE
REBAR WRAPPED
CONTINUOUSLY
AROUND PUMPOUT**

2 #6 GRADE 60 REBAR
LOCATED WITHIN 12"
OF TOP OF WALL

#4.60 GRADE HORIZONTAL
REBAR @ 12" O.C.

#5,60 GRADE
VERTICAL REBAR 12" O.C.

—WATERSTOP

#5 GRADE 60 REBAR
"L" BARS @ 12" O.C.

MARK WALDBESER

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From: [Mark Waldbeser](#)
To: [Burge-Bollero, Stephanie](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Re: Mark and Jared Waldbeser Tax Certification Request TC-151283
Date: Monday, August 18, 2025 11:24:30 AM
Attachments: [Barn Drawings 2.pdf](#)
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On Monday, August 18, 2025 at 09:31:50 AM CDT, Burge-Bollero, Stephanie <stephanie.burge-bollero@illinois.gov> wrote:

Hello Mark,

Thank you for your quick response. On the attachment on the second page is would you be able to send a copy that is not as dark on the right side where the 8' depth is shown for the pump out. There is concern that this will not show up once scanned into our record system.

Also, on the second page would you be able to make a note on the sidewall detail showing that depth of the manure storage area for the manure pit is 8' deep. It is not currently clear as the drawing shows the overall depth of 10'.

Thank you again for your assistance,

Stephanie

From: Mark Waldbeser <markwaldbeser@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 8:51 AM
To: Burge-Bollero, Stephanie <Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@Illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Re: Mark and Jared Waldbeser Tax Certification Request TC-151283

I have attached the drawings, let me know if you need anything else.

thanks

Mark

On Monday, August 18, 2025 at 08:26:03 AM CDT, Burge-Bollero, Stephanie <stephanie.burge-bollero@illinois.gov>

bollero@illinois.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Mark,

I received an update regarding the status of your tax certification request. Our legal team and the Pollution Control Board are requesting a drawing showing the dimensions of the manure pit including the pump out pits. The application states the concrete manure pit measures 115' (length) x 65' (width) x 8' (depth). Further communication indicated there are 2 concrete pump out pits measuring 6' (length) x 6' (width) x 8' (depth). Please provide a drawing showing the dimensions of the manure pit including the dimensions and location of the pump out pits. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!



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From: Mark Waldbeser <markwaldbeser@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2025 11:14 AM

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

Subject: Re: [External] Re: Mark and Jared Waldbeser Tax Certification Request TC-151283

Thank You for the update

Mark

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

On Thursday, April 10, 2025, 10:52 AM, Burge-Bollero, Stephanie <Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@Illinois.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Mark,

Thank you for checking in. I have finished my review, and it was signed off on by my management.

It will be submitted to our legal department next. They will then conduct a review prior to presenting our recommendation to the pollution control board. I will reach out if the legal department has any concerns during their review. For your reference, I have included a link that includes a flow chart explaining the process: <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/forms/water-permits/tax-certification.html>

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Thank you!

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From: Mark Waldbeser <markwaldbeser@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2025 10:25 AM
To: Burge-Bollero, Stephanie <Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@Illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Re: Mark and Jared Waldbeser Tax Certification Request TC-151283

I am just wondering if our pollution control facility request went through or if it is still in the process, since I have never heard anything for a while.

Thanks

Mark Waldbeser

815-383-2931

On Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 01:16:30 PM CDT, Burge-Bollero, Stephanie <stephanie.burge-bollero@illinois.gov> wrote:

Hello,

Thank you for this information. I will follow up if I have any additional questions.

Thank you for your assistance,

Stephanie Burge-Bollero

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From: Mark Waldbeser <markwaldbeser@yahoo.com>

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Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 7:35 AM

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

Subject: Re: [External] Re: Mark and Jared Waldbeser Tax Certification Request TC-151283

Sorry about the confusion over this but I have attached a copy of the letter from the IL EPA for our old barn.

Thanks

Mark

On Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 01:05:53 PM CDT, Burge-Bollero, Stephanie <stephanie.burge-bollero@illinois.gov> wrote:

Good Morning,

I wanted to inquire about the original portion of the barn that was onsite prior to 2019. The application states that the existing portion of the building (built prior to 2019) also has a pollution control pit under it. I searched on the Illinois Pollution Control Board's website, and I do not see a tax certification on file for the original portion of the barn.

If this portion of the barn has not yet received a tax certification as a pollution control facility, would you like to include this manure pit in this request (TC-151283)? If you would like to include the portion of the barn built prior to 2019 in this request please provide detailed information on the manure pit, slatted flooring, pump out pits in this portion of the building, perimeter drains that have not already been included in this application, and any other components used for the purpose of pollution control. Please provide a narrative including dimensions and materials of construction.

Please just let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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From: Mark Waldbeser <markwaldbeser@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, September 27, 2024 9:41 AM

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

Subject: Re: [External] Re: Mark and Jared Waldbeser Tax Certification Request TC-151283

That is right, I did not include the cost of any fans or ventilation in the total cost so we can just remove the fans. I should not have mentioned the fans but was just describing the pumpouts

Thanks

Mark

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 27, 2024, at 8:54 AM, Burge-Bollero, Stephanie <Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@illinois.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Mark,

Regarding the 14" pit fans, it is our understanding that the purpose of the fan is to provide a better environment for the comfort of the animals and not for that the primary purpose of pollution control. If that is the case, we ask that the 14" vent fans be withdrawn from the application. If the primary purpose is for pollution control and not animal comfort please provide a narrative describing this process.

Thank you again,

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From: Mark Waldbeser <markwaldbeser@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2024 6:40 PM
To: Burge-Bollero, Stephanie <Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@Illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Re: Mark and Jared Waldbeser Tax Certification Request TC-151283

Yes both pump outs have a cap and a 14" fan the fan is to pull gas out of the pit.

Thanks

Mark

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 26, 2024, at 3:58 PM, Burge-Bollero, Stephanie
<Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@illinois.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for sending this additional information. I wanted to clarify that both pump out pits each have a PVC cap and 14" fan? Also, could you provide information on the purpose/use of the 14" fan?

Thank you for your assistance,

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From: Mark Waldbeser <markwaldbeser@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 8:10 AM
To: Burge-Bollero, Stephanie <Stephanie.Burge-Bollero@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: Mark and Jared Waldbeser Tax Certification Request TC-151283

Good afternoon, here is some additional information for TC-151283.

A 2 1/2" X 6" forma drain tile was installed on the outside of the foundation on the 3 exterior walls, 319' in length. a 2' x10' tile was put in for a sump pit.

The deep manure pit has two 6'x6'x8' deep pump outs, made of 8" concrete walls reinforced with re-bar, and a solid PVC cap with a 14" pit fan on it.

The total cost of the pollution control facility was \$165,419

thank you,

Mark Waldbeser

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On Monday, September 23, 2024 at 03:43:15 PM CDT, Burge-Bollero, Stephanie <stephanie.burge-bollero@illinois.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

I am reviewing the tax certification request for a pollution control facility for Mark and Jared Waldbeser's swine farm (nursery barn) in Iroquois county near Loda. (TC-151283). I am reaching out to request additional information for the review of this request.

-The Department of Agriculture Final Notice of Construction Plan Completion form that was provided with the application states that a perimeter foundation drain was placed. If you would like to include the perimeter drain in your request, please provide a descriptive narrative including the materials of construction and dimensions (including diameter and length) of the pipe used.

-If there are pump out pits for the deep manure pit and you would like to include them in your request, please provide a narrative description indicating quantities, material of construction, and dimensions.

-Please provide the original cost of the pollution control facility.

When providing additional information regarding this request please reference log number TC-151283. Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you for your assistance,

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