

Greta Hurst

From: Greta Hurst
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2013 10:10 AM
To: Sandra Dudley; Erin O'Brien; Vojin Janjic
Cc: Sherwin Smith; Britton Dotson; Alan Schwendimann; Oakley Hall
Subject: RE: CAFO Complaint
Attachments: 14-Eagle View Photo Log.doc

All,

I conducted a site investigation yesterday, March 27, 2013, at Eagle View Farm with the operator, Mr. David Jones. Mr. Jones most recent flock of birds acquired necrotic dermatitis leading to an increasing percentage of mortalities. Normal mortality percentages per house per flock are usually close to 5% but with this flock the house with the highest percentage was slightly over 13%. Equity Group is the poultry supplier for Eagle View Farm. Equity Group generally "grows" non-medicated birds, so the decision was made to remove the remaining healthy birds instead of medicating them at the farm. The birds were removed on March 20 and 21, at an age of seven weeks plus one to three days, which is a normal age/grow-out timeframe. The mortalities were properly handled according to the approved Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) by composting on site in the existing compost bin. There are some very small areas of spillage due to a complete litter cleanout, but all litter was handled in accordance with the approved NMP. Mr. Jones has been de-caking for the past few years and was preparing to do a complete cleanout at the end of his next flock, but with the recent necrotic dermatitis, the cleanout has to occur prior to getting a new flock of birds. So far there have been approximately 250 tons of litter removed from one house with a couple of loads remaining. Then the five other houses will be cleaned out in the same manner. The conveyor belt used for loading litter broke and Mr. Jones is awaiting a replacement before removing any more litter. Various trucks haul the litter to other farms to be spread. Mr. Jones' mortality and litter records were in order. As with any cleanout, there is some spillage around the doors and loading areas. Mr. Jones has been scooping this spilled litter back into the house. Once the cleanout is complete, he will spray liquid alum inside each house to help with mold, which is routine before putting in a layer of sawdust. No other issues were observed during the site visit.

Additionally, Mr. Jones received a visit last week from Harley Sutton and Wes Montooth with the State Veterinarian's office. According to Mr. Jones, they gave him no instructions and had no issues. I spoke with Mark Hudson, Department of Agriculture. He agreed with Mr. Jones process of handling this issue and had no additional suggestions.

If there are questions or any further action needed, please let me know.

Thanks,

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From: Sandra Dudley
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2013 9:21 AM
To: Erin O'Brien; Vojin Janjic; Greta Hurst; Oakley Hall
Cc: Sherwin Smith; Britton Dotson; Alan Schwendimann
Subject: RE: CAFO Complaint

Thanks to everyone for your prompt assistance!

Sandra

From: Erin O'Brien
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2013 8:33 AM
To: Vojin Janjic; Sandra Dudley; Greta Hurst; Oakley Hall
Cc: Sherwin Smith; Britton Dotson; Alan Schwendimann
Subject: RE: CAFO Complaint

Sandra,

It looks like this complaint is regarding Eagle View Farm, which has CAFO permit coverage under tracking number SOPC00118, as Vojin noted. EFO staff also received a complaint on this facility yesterday, with similar concerns listed in the complaint description. That complaint is available in Waterlog at http://tdec.state.tn.us:8080/apex/f?p=111:251:1337554526319101::NO:251:P251_ROW_ID:28338.

Greta Hurst has been assigned to investigate the complaint. Greta, please let us know what you find out after you investigate.

Thanks,
Erin

From: Vojin Janjic
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2013 8:31 AM
To: Sandra Dudley; Erin O'Brien; Greta Hurst; Oakley Hall
Cc: Sherwin Smith; Britton Dotson; Alan Schwendimann
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It's a 6 house broiler poultry operation (132,000 birds); no discharge CAFO. A direct link to this site in WaterLog is:

http://tdec.state.tn.us:8080/apex/f?p=111:31:361679907392401::NO::P31_SITE_ID:11259

Clay county, Cookeville EFO. It has a lot of documentation associated with it. Several complaints, a number of inspections and a lot of well documented entries by the EFO staff.

Google maps at: <http://www.google.com/maps?q=36.571632,-85.289729>

Active permit is a no discharge SOP: [SOPC00118](#)

Copying Greta and Bill for their advice and assistance.

Vojin

From: Sandra Dudley
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2013 8:12 AM
To: Erin O'Brien
Cc: Vojin Janjic; Sherwin Smith; Britton Dotson; Alan Schwendimann
Subject: CAFO Complaint

Erin,

Can you help us find this site and send someone to check on this complaint that was sent to Commissioner? I do not know where it is located.

Good day, Eagle View CAFO maybe up to illegal activity...They are hauling large amount of dirt out of the buildings...We believe that the birds were in the house only 3 weeks & became diseased or something...Our neighbors are concerned they are up to no good and may be hiding their activities...I have pics. also of large trucks & a conveyor belt system to load the trucks...If so where are they dumping the dirt?

Thanks,

Sandra

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