



November 25, 2015

Mr. Matt Henley, Owner/Operator
D & M Farms
810 County Road 188
Niota, TN 37826

**Subject: Permit Tracking No. SOPC00313
D & M Farms
Niota, McMinn County, Tennessee**

Dear Mr. Henley:

I recently reviewed your application to modify your Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) permit coverage for your farm. The primary changes to the facility included increasing the number of barns from 4 to 6, and increasing the number of broilers from 144,000 to 318,000 per grow-out. This letter is to inform you that some issues need to be resolved before I can approve your Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) as required to issue your CAFO permit. Essentially I need to receive the following items or information:

1. The Notice of Intent (NOI) submitted with the NMP is not signed or dated. Please sign and date the NOI, and return it. A copy of the NOI is enclosed for your use. *Please note: A Declaration to Nutrient Management Plan form was recently signed/submitted with your permit renewal application. A new form can be submitted, but it is not required, as the previous copy is still valid.*
2. The NMP has not been signed by the owner/operator. Please sign the NMP. A copy of the signature page for the plan is enclosed.
3. The size of the proposed houses is inconsistent throughout the plan. Page 10 and the maps indicate the houses will be 66 feet by 600 feet; however, Page 18 indicates the houses will be 54 feet by 500 feet. Please revise the NMP, as appropriate to indicate the correct size of the proposed houses.
4. The number of broilers kept on-site per grow-out is not consistent throughout the plan. Pages 5 and 19 indicate that 318,000 birds are kept, while Page 18 indicates a total capacity of 144,000. Please revise the NMP, as appropriate, to indicate the correct number of broilers kept on-site per grow-out.
5. No soil tests were submitted with the application. Please confirm that the soil test used in the previous NMP (dated 02/19/15) were used, as the NMP on Page 56 indicates that test year is 2014 for all samples. If soil tests from 2014 were used to develop the NMP, please submit copies of the laboratory reports.



Once each item above is addressed, you will have submitted all required elements of a CAFO permit application. Pending approval, a notice will be sent to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) who will then issue the permit.

Assistance is available at your local Extension office and your local United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office. If you have additional questions regarding permit requirements or how to fulfill them, please feel free to contact me at 615-837-5492 or Heidi.McIntyre-Wilkinson@tn.gov. Thank you for your cooperation in this permitting process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heidi McIntyre-Wilkinson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Heidi McIntyre-Wilkinson

Environmental Specialist

Enclosure

cc: Permit File
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