



DEPARTMENT of ENVIRONMENT  
and NATURAL RESOURCES

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June 16, 2016

Wilfried Reuvekamp  
Hilltop Dairy, LLP  
48514 US Highway 14  
Elkton, SD 57026-6703

RE: Hilltop Dairy, LLP Manure Management System  
Updated Certificate of Compliance

Dear Mr. Reuvekamp:

As you are aware, the department issues a Certificate of Compliance for manure management systems that have had plans and specifications approved and are constructed as designed. We have received a Notice of Completion for the sand settling lane, wastewater recycling/flume piping, and relocation of 200 dairy calves into the existing barns, and are issuing you an updated Certificate of Compliance.

The Certificate of Compliance is for a 4,000-head dairy cattle operation, consisting of 2,300 mature dairy cows, 1,500 dairy heifers, and 200 dairy calves. The certificate shall remain in place until such time you change or expand your operation. Should you decide to change or expand your operation, you need to obtain approval of plans and specifications for any alterations or modifications to your manure management system. The plans and specifications have to be approved by this department prior to construction. Failure to do so will invalidate this certificate.

By this letter, I am also covering the sand settling lane and stacking apron, wastewater recycling/flume piping, and the 200 relocated dairy calves under your General Water Pollution Control Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (the general permit) (**permit number SDG-0100007**). You already have a copy of your permit. Please refer to this permit number in any future permit correspondence. You are required to operate in compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit.

As discussed with you during previous inspections, buffer zones are required around manure land application areas. Please review the buffer zone requirements on the manure land application maps included with your nutrient management plan in Appendix D of your permit prior to land applying manure.

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Your updated Certificate of Compliance should be placed inside the General Permit Records Handbook the department previously provided you. This handbook was developed to assist you in meeting the requirements of the general permit. Using this book will help you manage the documents and paperwork that you will need to complete and retain while operating your animal feeding operation. The book contains forms that you can use to comply with the permit's requirements and is organized to give you a place to put other required information like soil and manure testing lab report forms. You are required to keep all records for a minimum of five years. It is not mandatory that you use this handbook; however, it will assist you in organizing and maintaining the records that you are required to keep by the general permit.

We would like to thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the protection of the natural resources of South Dakota. The department encourages you to remain in compliance by properly operating and maintaining your system.

Sincerely,



Kent R. Woodmansey, PE, Engineering Manager  
Feedlot Permit Program  
Phone: (605) 773-3351

Cc: Brad Woerner, PE, Stockwell Engineers, Inc., 215 Walnut St., Yankton, SD 57078  
Brookings County Commissioners



## Certificate of Compliance

By virtue of authority vested in me by law, I do hereby certify that

**HILLTOP DAIRY, LLP**

has constructed an

**Animal Waste Management System**

in the State of South Dakota in accordance with plans and specifications approved by DENR for a facility consisting of 4,000-head of dairy cattle and 1.84 acres of drainage area and is in compliance with environmental laws in effect as of the date of this certificate and shall remain in compliance as long as this operation does not significantly change. Continued compliance is dependent upon proper operation and maintenance activities being performed by the owner/operator.

This certificate does not relieve the owner/operator from any liabilities for noncompliance.

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Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2016