

DEPARTMENT of ENVIRONMENT
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August 28, 2018

Dr. Barry Kerkaert
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RE: Bobcat Farms RE, LLC - State General Permit Application
Plans and Specifications Review

Dear Dr. Kerkaert:

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources received three copies of your application for state permit coverage under the 2017 *General Water Pollution Control Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations* (general permit), **permit application number SDG-100557**. The proposed manure management system will be located in the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 6, Township 110 North, Range 47 West in Brookings County, South Dakota.

Your proposed manure management system is for a new housed lot feeding a maximum of 7,728-head of swine, consisting of 324 swine weighing less than 55 pounds and 7,404 swine weighing 55 pounds or more. Your proposed system consists of a farrowing barn with shallow pull-plug pits, a gestation barn with a deep pit, a GDU barn with a deep pit, gravity piping, and no acres of drainage area. The proposed deep pits meet the requirements of the general permit and have at least 270 days of liquid storage capacity.

We have reviewed and hereby conditionally approve the plans and specifications for your project. This approval expires on July 31, 2020, unless construction of the manure management system has been started by that date. Once construction has commenced, you will have three years to complete construction and submit a Notice of Completion. If construction is not completed within the three year timeframe this approval will expire. Two copies of the approved plans and specifications are being retained for our files and requirements you must implement are listed on the attached pages.

If there are any modifications to your system, a complete set of as-built plans will be required. If you plan to make any of the following modifications to your approved permit application prior to obtaining permit coverage, you will need to start the permitting process over which will require a new public notice. These modifications include: a change to the location of a process wastewater containment structure where additional soil borings are needed; a change to the type of manure

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or process wastewater storage structure; an increase in the amount of manure or process wastewater generated; a decrease in the manure or process wastewater storage volume in the manure containment system; or a modification to the nutrient management plan that results in a change in crop rotation or an increase in the land application acres.

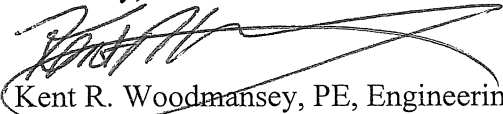
Upon completion of construction, the enclosed Notice of Completion must be returned to the department. **You cannot populate any of the proposed barns or use the proposed manure management system to store manure until a Certificate of Compliance and coverage under the 2017 state general permit are issued. Once the Notice of Completion has been received and a satisfactory construction inspection has been conducted, the department will issue a Certificate of Compliance and coverage under the 2017 state general permit.**

Continued compliance is dependent upon you performing proper operation and maintenance activities. You will be liable for any noncompliance with applicable South Dakota environmental laws or regulations.

Our review covers works of sanitary significance and does not cover items such as quality of material, structural soundness, or electrical and mechanical design features. Approval of the plans and specifications does not in any way release the applicant from the responsibility that the project will be an operable facility when construction is completed.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please feel free to contact Spencer Van Overbeke, Feedlot Permit Program at (605) 773-3351. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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cc: Brad Woerner, PE, Stockwell Engineers, Inc.
Brookings County Commissioners

Enclosures: Construction Schedule Postcard
Notice of Completion Form