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Frido Verpaalen
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RE: Old Tree Farms, LLC Manure Management System
Amended Certificate of Compliance and Permit Coverage

Dear Mr. Verpaalen:

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 calf barn and are issuing you an amended Certificate of Compliance.

The amended Certificate of Compliance is for a 1,625-head mature dairy cattle and 1,070-head dairy heifer/calf operation with 5.33 acres of drainage area. 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.

Also, you have completed the requirements to obtain state permit coverage for your operation including the calf barn under the 2017 *General Water Pollution Control Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations* (general permit), **permit number SDG-100006**. I am conditionally granting coverage for the calf barn under this 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.

Construction Inspection

The amended Certificate of Compliance and updated permit coverage are conditional upon the department conducting a satisfactory construction inspection of the calf barn.

Buffer zones are required around land application areas. Please review the buffer zone requirements on the land application maps included with the nutrient management plan in Appendix D of the enclosed permit prior to land applying manure.

Your amended 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

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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.

You cannot populate the proposed freestall barn or use the proposed stacking pad addition to store manure until an amended Certificate of Compliance is issued and updated coverage under the 2017 state general permit is granted. The department will issue an amended Certificate of Compliance and grant updated coverage under the 2017 state general permit after the Notice of Completion has been received and a satisfactory construction inspection has been conducted.

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

Sincerely,


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