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October 30, 2009

RE: CASE FARMS INC.
3IH00103 *GD
HOLMES COUNTY

Mr. Paul Nelson
Case Farms Inc.
P.O. Box 185
Winesburg, Ohio 44690

Dear Mr. Nelson:

On October 20, 2009 this writer conducted a compliance evaluation inspection for the purpose of determining compliance with the above referenced NPDES permit. Randy Mattisson, Operator, Case Farms accompanied me during the inspection. Below you will find a summary of the items discussed during the visit:

- 1) "Second side" processing began this year where Case Farms is cutting up the chicken prior to shipping. This has resulted in additional grease production. Approximately 4000 gallons of grease is taken to Holmes By Products on a weekly basis.
- 2) There are approximately 600 employees at Case Farms. You operate 6 days/week. Presently, one shift is for kill, the second is for clean-up. In the near future you may go to a second kill shift.
- 3) Influent flow is approximately 500,000 gpd. With water re-use effluent flow is approximately 400,000 gpd.
- 4) The ultrasonic pulse device has been placed in clarifier #2. It does not appear to have a substantial affect on the algae as hoped.
- 5) Randy Mattisson will send me a copy of the SWP3 plan as requested.
- 6) The biological sampling outlined in Part II, Other Requirements does not have to be repeated on a yearly basis.
- 7) The mixer in the aeration tank has been down since August. This may be the reason for the Ammonia violations shown below. The mixer has not been repaired due to the parts being made in Germany. Please be advised that it is not a defense for non-compliance with your permit, to have to wait on parts from the manufacturer. A spare mixer should be kept on-site or at least the significant parts that are expected to be replaced should be stored on-site. Please inform this writer the date the mixer is put back into service.

A review of your compliance history for the time period of February 2009 through September 2009 revealed the following violations of your NPDES permit:

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Numeric Violations

Station	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
001	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	1.49	1.94	8/1/2009
001	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Qty	2.8	3.39191	8/1/2009
001	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	1D Conc	4.5	11.	8/19/2009
001	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	1D Qty	8.5	19.9431	8/19/2009
001	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	1D Conc	4.5	10.	8/20/2009
001	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	1D Qty	8.5	18.5465	8/20/2009

If you should have any questions concerning any of the above, feel free to contact this writer at (330) 963-1136.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Specialist II
Division of Surface Water

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cc: Randy Mattisson, Case Farms Inc.
Chuck McDaniel, Case Farms Inc.

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