



Responsible Transportation

June 25, 2013

Dr. Dawn Sprouls, D.V.M.
Neal Smith Federal Building
210 Walnut St., Room 985
Des Moines, IA 50309-2123

Dear Dr. Sprouls,

On June 10th, 2013 a letter from the Des Moines District Office was addressed to Responsible Transportation in reference to providing The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) with a state issued certification that declares discharges from the company's operations will not violate the water quality standards of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) (CWA) (See Appendix A).

Responsible Transportation has been issued a storm water National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit (See Appendix B). Responsible Transportation is required to abide by the terms and conditions set forth in the NPDES General Permit No. 1 for storm water discharges associated with industrial activity.

The state of Iowa's NPDES permit program has been approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (See Appendix C). CWA allows the EPA to authorize the NPDES Permit Program to state governments, enabling states to perform many of the permitting, administrative, and enforcement aspects of the NPDES Program. As authorized by the CWA, the NPDES permit program controls water pollution by regulating point sources that discharge pollutants into waters of the United States.

Responsible Transportation's wastewater treatment facility does not discharge pollutants into waters of the United States, but rather, land applies all wastewater from the company's operations. No wastewater from land application is expected to enter into waters of the United States and thus shall not violate the water quality standards set forth by the CWA.

Responsible Transportation has been issued an Operation Permit for a Land Application System by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) (See Appendix D). Responsible Transportation must abide by the state issued permit which states "no waste discharge into waters of the State of Iowa shall

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be caused, allowed or permitted from the wastewater land application system." The permit outlines specific operational conditions which the company is required to follow.

The IDNR inspected Responsible Transportation's wastewater land application system and found the system to be adequate for the company's treatment needs (See Appendix E).

I declare that the operations conducted at Responsible Transportation's facility located at 22034 200th Street, Sigourney, IA 52591, will not result in a discharge into any navigable water as defined by the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.).

Sincerely,

Keaton Walker
President
Responsible Transportation LLC