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**Subject:** Rains Natural Meats Gallatin MO, another update

Good Afternoon Dr. Gilmore,

I just got off the phone with Jimmy Coles, an engineer from the MO DNR. He was a wealth of information, here goes;

Next week, he and Kim Landon will visit Rains Natural Meats and review all the engineering documents for the lagoon, inspect the lagoon, review and inspect the surface application program, and review all current permit requirements. If all goes well, he will deliver the water permit to Mr. Rains on Friday 06-28-13.

He explained the "clean water act" permits and their requirements

A 404 was for operations requiring alterations to stream/river channels and issued by the corps of engineers

A 401 was for operations inside of setbacks for stream/river channels and requires input by the EPA

A 402 was for operations outside of setbacks for stream/river channels and is issued by authority of the EPA

The permit for Rains will be a 402 permit since he will be operating outside of setbacks for streams/ivers. The MO DNR has the full authority of the EPA to grant NPDES (see below) permits in the state and does not need EPA input.

He added that due to our inquiries the MO DNR determined Mr. Rains has operated his lagoon since 2006 without a permit and will be cited for such. He said that the issuance of the current permit will close out that citation.

Additional information from the EPA website:

As authorized by the Clean Water Act, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program controls water pollution by regulating point sources that discharge pollutants into waters of the United States. Point sources are discrete conveyances such as pipes or man-made ditches. Individual homes that are connected to a municipal system, use a septic system, or do not have a surface discharge do not need an NPDES permit; however, industrial, municipal, and other facilities must obtain permits if their discharges go directly to surface waters. In most cases, the NPDES permit program is administered by authorized states. Since its introduction in 1972, the NPDES permit program is responsible for significant improvements to our Nation's water quality.

That is all, of course this is the third time this afternoon that I have said that.

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