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March 15, 2024

Chad Weitzenkamp  
Weitzenkamp Farms, Inc.  
206 County Road 20  
Hooper, NE 68031

RE: Weitzenkamp Farms, Inc. Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation  
NDEE ID: 73979  
Program ID: NPDES GENERAL PERMIT  
**Subject: NPDES General Permit for CAFOs**  
Permit Coverage Application No. NEG023029  
W 1/2, NE 1/4 & E 1/2, NW 1/4, Section 09 and S 1/2, S 1/2, Section 17, Township 20N,  
Range 08E, Dodge County  
Consultant: Nutrient Advisors

Dear Mr. Weitzenkamp:

The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (Department) hereby issues coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) (NEG023000) to your operation. This General Permit became effective April 27, 2023 and will expire on March 31, 2028. It may be modified or reissued to reflect regulatory changes.

Coverage under this NPDES General Permit is for the number of livestock waste control facilities (LWCF) and the number of livestock listed below:

| Type of LWCF        | No. Each Type |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Holding Pond        | 2             |
| Debris Basin        | 5             |
| Underfloor Deep Pit | 2             |

| Species       | Number of Head |
|---------------|----------------|
| Feeder Cattle | 9,000          |

Open Lot Area: 74.5 acres

Total Drainage Area: 84.3 acres

Your CAFO shall be operated and maintained according to the approved application, this NPDES General Permit, the site-specific permit terms in Attachment 1 to this letter and the requirements in Title 130, *Livestock Waste Control Regulations*. Please review this permit carefully as you are responsible for your operation's compliance with all permit requirements. Copies of the General Permit and of your Request for Coverage are enclosed for your records. A copy of both documents must be kept on-site at your operation.

This General Permit contains specific recordkeeping, monitoring, operating, maintenance and inspection requirements. Department staff will conduct periodic inspections of your operation to review compliance with permit conditions.

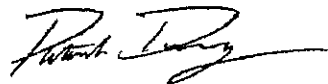
The Permittee, authorized representative, or an employee of the operation is required to obtain land application training within 180 days of receiving permit coverage, unless one of these persons satisfactorily completed such training within the past five (5) years. Department records indicate your current training is valid until February 20, 2028. Additional training must be completed every five (5) years.

Approval by the Department is required prior to making any changes or modifications from the approved application to the design or operation of the LWCF. **A new application with a \$200 fee is required for any major modification.**

The Department's issuance of coverage under this NPDES General Permit does not relieve you of other duties and responsibilities under the Nebraska Environmental Protection Act, the amended Nebraska Livestock Waste Management Act or Title 130. In addition, this permit does not remove your responsibility to comply with any Natural Resources District, county or local zoning regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact your inspector or myself at (402) 471-4288.

Sincerely,



Patrick Ducey, Supervisor  
NPDES and State Permits Section  
Permitting and Engineering Division  
patrick.ducey@nebraska.gov

Enclosures  
cc: Nutrient Advisors

**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**SITE-SPECIFIC PERMIT TERMS OF THE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN**

| PERMIT TERM   | SECTION(S) OF THE NMP |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1. Ensure adequate storage of manure, litter, and process wastewater, including procedures to ensure proper operation and maintenance of the storage facilities.  | Sections 1 & 2        |
| 2. Ensure proper management of mortalities.   | Section 3             |
| 3. Ensure clean water is diverted.  | Sections 1 & 2        |
| 4. Prevent direct contact of animals with waters of the state.  | Sections 1 & 2        |
| 5. Ensure chemicals and other contaminants are properly handled onsite.   | Section 3             |
| 6. Site-specific conservation practices are implemented, including as appropriate, buffers or equivalent practices to control runoff of pollutants to waters of the state.  | Sections 1, 5 & 7     |
| 7. Site-specific setback maps not included in #6 above.   | Section 8             |
| 8. Ensure specific records are maintained as required in Part II, Section E, Table A.   | Section 1             |
| <p>9. Implement protocols to land apply manure, litter, and process wastewater to ensure agricultural utilization of the nutrients in the manure, litter, and process wastewater using the narrative rate approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fields available for land application</li> <li>• Timing limitations for land application</li> <li>• Nitrogen &amp; phosphorus transport risk assessment result</li> <li>• Planned crops or other usage</li> <li>• Alternative crops</li> <li>• Realistic annual crop yield goal</li> <li>• Total N &amp; P recommendations per crop</li> <li>• Narrative rate approach methodology, to account for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Soil test results;</li> <li>○ Credits for plant available N in the field;</li> <li>○ Amount of N &amp; P in the manure, litter, and process wastewater to be applied;</li> <li>○ Consideration of multi-year P application;</li> <li>○ Accounting for all other additions of plant available N &amp; P to the field;</li> <li>○ Form and source of manure, litter, &amp; process wastewater;</li> <li>○ Timing and method of land application;</li> <li>○ Volatilization of nitrogen and mineralization of organic nitrogen.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Maximum amount of N &amp; P from all sources</li> </ul> | Sections 1 & 4 - 8    |
| 10. Ensure protocols for appropriate testing of manure, litter, process wastewater, and soil are followed.  | Section 1             |