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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
LANSING



STEVEN E. CHESTER
DIRECTOR

September 24, 2008

Dear Interested Party:

Thank you for commenting on the proposed Stipulation for Entry of Final Order by Consent (Consent Order) prepared for State Line Farms to resolve alleged air quality violations at the two swine barns located at the intersection of Ridgeville Road and M-156 in Morenci, Michigan.

Pursuant to state requirements, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), held a 30-day public comment period regarding the terms and conditions of the proposed Consent Order. During the public comment period, the DEQ received several comments.

In regard to the strong support of permanently closing the swine barns, State Line Farms was unable to demonstrate an adequate level of control to mitigate the odors which resulted in an unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property in violation of Michigan Administrative Code, 1980 AACRS R 336.1901 (Rule 901). Therefore, State Line Farms has agreed to shut down the two swine barns with a shut-down date of November 9, 2008. Prior to any reintroduction of livestock into the barns after November 9, State Line Farms is required to submit to the AQD an acceptable plan and, if appropriate, an air use permit application for the installation of air pollution control equipment and/or other equipment to be used to control odorous emissions from the barns as necessary to obtain compliance with Rule 901.

Letters with comments pertaining to issues other than those included in the Consent Order or the AQD have been forwarded to their respective DEQ divisions.

After carefully considering the issues, and pursuant to the authority delegated from the Director of the DEQ, I have approved Consent Order AQD No. 24-2008 without modifications. The DEQ is committed to enforcing this Consent Order and holding State Line Farms responsible for complying with the applicable air quality regulations.

Thank you for your input regarding the proposed Consent Order.

Sincerely,

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