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June 8, 2017

Jacob Veldhuis  
Windmill Estates  
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RE: Investigations and Follow Ups from January 2015 to June 2017

Dear Mr. Veldhuis,

On June 6, 2017, you requested a summary of complaints that have been referred to WSDA Dairy Nutrient Management Program (DNMP) since January 1, 2015.

Between January 1, 2015 and June 6, 2017, 14 ERTS were submitted by citizens related to odor, manure, and mortality management issues associated with Veldhuis Dairy, Klompe Dairy, and Frieslandia Dairy LLC.

Each complaint was logged into Ecology's Environmental Report Tracking System (ERTS). The summary below includes investigation and follow up activities by Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA).

- One complaint resulted in a Notice of Correction
- One complaint resulted in a Letter of Warning
- One complaint was referred to Yakima Health District
- Three complaints resulted in actions taken by the dairy immediately
- Eight complaints were determined to be unfounded by WSDA investigation

DNMP has jurisdiction over manure management and agronomy. WSDA has observed that the dairies associated with Windmill Estates have been responsive to investigation outcomes. This includes berming fields, sweeping roads, and collecting and transferring liquid from production areas to storage. The Veldhuis farms' land application records indicate a good history of applying manure at or below agronomic rate.

DNMP has no authority to regulate mortality management or odor issues, but continues to work with other programs at WSDA and sister agencies and the Windmill Estates dairies to address issues that impact water and air quality.

If the Fryslan Calf Ranch is approved, WSDA supports including the facility under the Dairy Nutrient Management Program, which would include regularly scheduled inspections.

Below is a summary of ERTS complaints received and follow up activity by WSDA:

**2015:**

- Number of ERTS: Four ERTS referred to WSDA.
- Response time: All four ERTS were responded to on the same day.
- Outcome of four ERTS:
  - One complaint received a Notice of Correction.
    - NOC 15-6008 – Land application resulting in manure runoff from field
  - One complaint received a Letter of Warning for land application resulting in manure runoff from field.
  - One complaint for winter nutrient application was immediately addressed by dairy.
  - One complaint for winter nutrient application was unfounded.

**2016:**

- Number of ERTS: Six ERTS referred to WSDA.
- Response time: Two ERTS were responded to on the same day, three ERTS responded to in one to three days, one ERTS took eight days to respond to.
- Outcome of six ERTS:
  - Two ERTS related to stockpiling manure and compost next to ditch and residence were unfounded.
  - Three ERTS related to dumping manure and milk in the Silver Creek Wasteway or canal were unfounded.
  - One ERTS related to mortality management issues required follow up by producer.

**2017:**

- Number of ERTS: Four ERTS referred to WSDA.
- Response time: Three ERTS were responded to on the same day, one ERTS forwarded to Yakima Health District for follow up.
- Outcome of four ERTS:
  - One ERTS related to mortality management referred to Yakima Health District
  - One ERTS related to water between compost rows and manure on roadway, dairy asked to clean up road, and transfer liquid between rows to storage.
  - One ERTS related to winter nutrient application unfounded
  - One ERTS related to winter nutrient application follow up by dairy to protect winter storage capacity. WSDA observed no runoff from field.

If I you have additional questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to ask. Much improvement has been observed and documented at your farms and you have been very good to work with.

Sincerely,



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