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Mahr Brothers, LLC
c/o Jeremy Mahr
8517 345th St.
Stanley, WI 54937

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SUBJECT: Partial Satisfaction of a Notice of Discharge

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Dear Mr. Mahr:

The Department issued a Category 1 Notice of Discharge letter to your operation on September 22, 2014 for a manure storage overflow from a failing manure pit, feed pad leachate, and unconfined manure stacking for your livestock facility located in the town of Pershing in Taylor County at N5724 County Line Rd, Gilman, WI 54433 (T32N R4W SW/NW sec 19). The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge that you have implemented some of the necessary corrective actions to comply with the Notice of Discharge.

You sought assistance from the Taylor County Land Conservation Department and they were successful in receiving a Notice of Discharge (NOD) grant from the Department and were notified of the grant award by letter on October 2, 2014. The grant was for the eligible best management practice "Manure storage systems."

On Jan 10, 2015, the Department received documentation from the Taylor County Land Conservation Department confirming that the failing manure pit had been replaced with a compliant manure storage structure. We have determined that the installed practice at your operation to be adequate to meet the following agricultural performance standards and prohibitions:

- NR 151.05 Manure storage facilities performance standards
- NR 151.07 Nutrient management NR
- 151.08(2) No overflow of manure storage
- NR 151.08(3) No unconfined manure piles in a Water Quality Management Area (WQMA)

The Taylor County Land Conservation Department has also informed DNR that the performance standard: NR 151.08(4) No direct runoff from feedlot or stored manure -will be addressed by you this coming construction season (spring through fall of 2015).

Since the Notice of Discharge included the runoff from the feedpad, this letter can only be considered notification of a partial satisfaction. For a complete satisfaction, the operation must meet all of the performance standards for an agricultural livestock facility under NR 151. When the feed leachate collection system and barnyard collection systems are installed, the Department will send a final satisfaction letter.

In accordance with ch. NR 151, Wis. Adm. Code, any practice or facility that is in compliance with a performance standard or prohibition on or after the effective date of the standard or prohibition, must remain in compliance regardless of whether cost-sharing is provided to the owner or operator. Since you are now deemed in compliance with the performance standards and prohibitions listed above, it is important that you and any future owners or operators maintain compliance with them. Please understand that if you fall out of compliance with these

standards in the future, activities required to come back into compliance will not be eligible for cost-share funding.

Your efforts in this matter have greatly contributed to improved water quality within the Fisher River watershed. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



 Ruth M. King

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