



# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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June 25, 2024

**VIA E-MAIL**

Mr. Bill Corya  
J&A Asset Management, LLC  
5062 W Base Rd  
Greensburg, IN 47240  
[bill@advancedvacuum.com](mailto:bill@advancedvacuum.com)

Re: **Violation Letter**  
Hope Sow Unit  
Facility ID: 3862  
Hope, Bartholomew County

Dear Mr. Corya

On 6/25/2024, a representative of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Land Quality, conducted an inspection of the Hope Sow Unit, located at 15480 Stafford Rd, Hope, Indiana. This inspection was conducted pursuant to IC 13-14-2-2. For your information, and in accordance with IC 13-14-5, a summary of the inspection is provided below:

Type of Inspection: Routine CAFO-Sized Facility Visit  
Results of Inspection: Violations were observed (see attached inspection report).

Please direct any response to this letter and any questions to Diana Toth, (463) 201-3696 or [drtoth@idem.in.gov](mailto:drtoth@idem.in.gov). Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Charles P. Grady, Section Chief  
Confined Feeding Operation Compliance  
Office of Land Quality

Enclosure

cc: Bartholomew County Health Department  
[scott@kreuzmanconsulting.com](mailto:scott@kreuzmanconsulting.com)



**CFO**  
**INSPECTION REPORT**  
 INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF  
 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Inspector's Name:	Diana Toth	
Others Present	Scott Kreuzman	Ag Consultant
	Will Patterson	Ag Consultant
Date:	6/25/2024	
Time In:	8:50 AM	
Time Out:	10:05 AM	

**General Information**

**Inspection Type**

Inspection Type	CAFO-Sized Routine
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**Facility Information**

Facility Name:	Facility Name: J & A Asset Management LLC - Hope Sow Unit
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Facility Location:	Street Address: 15480 Stafford Rd City: Hope State: IN Zip Code: 47246 County: Bartholomew
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Facility Mailing Information:	Mailing Address: 5062 W Base Rd Mailing City: Greensburg Mailing State: IN Mailing Zip Code: 47240
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Facility Contact Information:	Contact Person: Bill Corya Contacts Phone Number: (317) 518-5672 Contact E-mail Address: bill@advancedcacuum.com
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Owner Contact Information	Owner Name: J&A Asset Management, LLC Owner Phone Number: (812) 663-5175
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**Facility ID**

Log Number	3862
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**Animal Types**

Animals Present	Sows
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**Manure Management Systems**

Type of Manure Management System	2 - Two-Stage Earthen Waste Treatment Lagoon System 3 - Concrete Lift Stations with Recirculation Pumps
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**Approved Structures**

Number of Permitted Structures	12 Barns, 3 Concrete Lift Stations & 2 Two-Stage Lagoon Systems
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Number of Observed Structures	11 Barns, 3 Concrete Lift Stations & 2 Two-Stage Lagoon Systems
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**Outstanding Issues**

Last Inspection Date:	2/28/2023 (E5 Barn Closure) 2/26/2020 (Routine Site Visit)
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Previous Violation(s):	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
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**Checklist**

<b>Discharge and Spill Requirements</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Unpermitted Discharge <input type="checkbox"/> Spill Not Reported <input type="checkbox"/> Spills Not Managed	<b>Approval and Performance Standards</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Valid Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Approval Condition <input type="checkbox"/> Access Denied
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<p><b>Operational Standards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance and Operation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Improper Freeboard</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Markers Not Maintained</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Unapproved Manure Storage</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Self-Monitoring</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Earthen Berm Not Maintained</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Removal of Accumulated Solids</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation Management System</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Feedlot Run-Off</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Transport &amp; Handling</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mortality Management</li> </ul>	<p><b>Manure Application Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Staging</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Run-Off</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ponding</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Spray Irrigation Operation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Transport and Handling</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Application, Snow and Frozen Ground</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Manure Applied from Roadway</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Manure Applied to Erodible Soils</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Manure Applied to Saturated Soils</li> </ul>
<p><b>Operating Record</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Requirements</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Farmstead Plan</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Manure Management Plan</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ground Water Monitoring</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan Certification</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Certification by a Registered Professional Engineer</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Construction Requirements</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Self-Monitoring Records</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Response Plan</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Land Use Agreements</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Justification of Nitrogen Losses</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Land Application Records for 5 Years</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Land Application of Manure</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Spill Documentation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Spray Irrigation Plan</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Land Application Monitoring Activities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Marketing and Distribution Records for 5 Years</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Activities on Liquid Manure Storage Facilities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Setback Waivers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Approvals</li> </ul>	<p><b>Land Application Records</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Required Acreage for Manure Application</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Manure and Soil Testing</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Apply at Agronomic Rate</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Land Application Records</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Marketing &amp; Distribution</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Information Sheets</li> </ul>
<p><b>Storm Water Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Applicability</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Storm Water Management</li> </ul>	<p><b>Exiting Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Decommissioning Storage Facility</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Exiting the Program Requirements</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Closing the Operation</li> </ul>

### General Comments

This site visit was for a routine CAFO-sized facility visit.

The most recent CFO permit has an allowed animal capacity of 2,244 sows and 416 farrowing sows with litters. This facility is reportedly operating well-below the permitted animal numbers per Mr. Scott Kreuzman.. There were no reports of swine-related illnesses at the time of the site visit.

The permit for this facility has an effective date of 7/26/2021 and an expiration date of 7/26/2026. The renewal submission deadline for this permit is 6/26/2026.

All Operating Record Requirements were reviewed and were up-to-date including the Emergency Spill Plan, Land Application Records, Storm Water and Weekly Self-Inspections.

The most recent manure analysis was completed on 10/27/2023 and is valid for 12 months.

The most recent soil analysis was completed on 11/13/2023 and is valid for four (4) years. There were no operating record violations.

Steve Stagge land applies the manure for this facility and has a valid for-hire fertilizer applicator's license with the Office of the Indiana State Chemist.

A visual inspection of the farm revealed that the permitted structures are in fair to good condition. The barns have well-established grassy vegetation and gravel surrounding the structures. The pump-out ports on the barns were adequately covered.

There is adequate freeboard in both of the two-stage lagoons; however, the berm(s) of these lagoons cannot be properly inspected due to woody growth and trees on the berms. Please remove the trees and woody growth within 45 days of receipt of this inspection report. A follow-up inspection of the berm will occur once the trees and woody growth have been removed. Please document these repairs in your CFO records.

Mortalities for this facility are composted. No issues were observed with the E14 Compost area. .

### Description of Violations and Further Actions

The findings noted in this report do not include a compliance evaluation for the submittal of required construction notifications, construction affidavits, facility change notifications, as-built plans, waste storage structure closures, and special compliance monitoring reports or data.

### Operational Standards

#### Earthen Berm Not Maintained

**327 IAC 19-13-1(g):** All earthen berms for manure storage structures must: (1) be stabilized with vegetation or alternative erosion control measures; and (2) be maintained to allow for visual inspection.

**Violation Detail(s):** The trees/woody growth were observed growing on the berms of the lagoon system. The trees/woody growth must be removed to prevent damage to the integrity of the berm. Please remove the trees/woody growth within 45 days of receipt of this report.

**Required Action:** Earthen berms are not being properly maintained as evidenced by trees and/or woody vegetation subject to wind throw is growing on the berm. The trees and/or woody growth on the berm must be removed within 45 days of receipt of this inspection report.

### Inspection Documentation

Photograph's Taken

Yes  No

#### Photo Description

#### Photograph

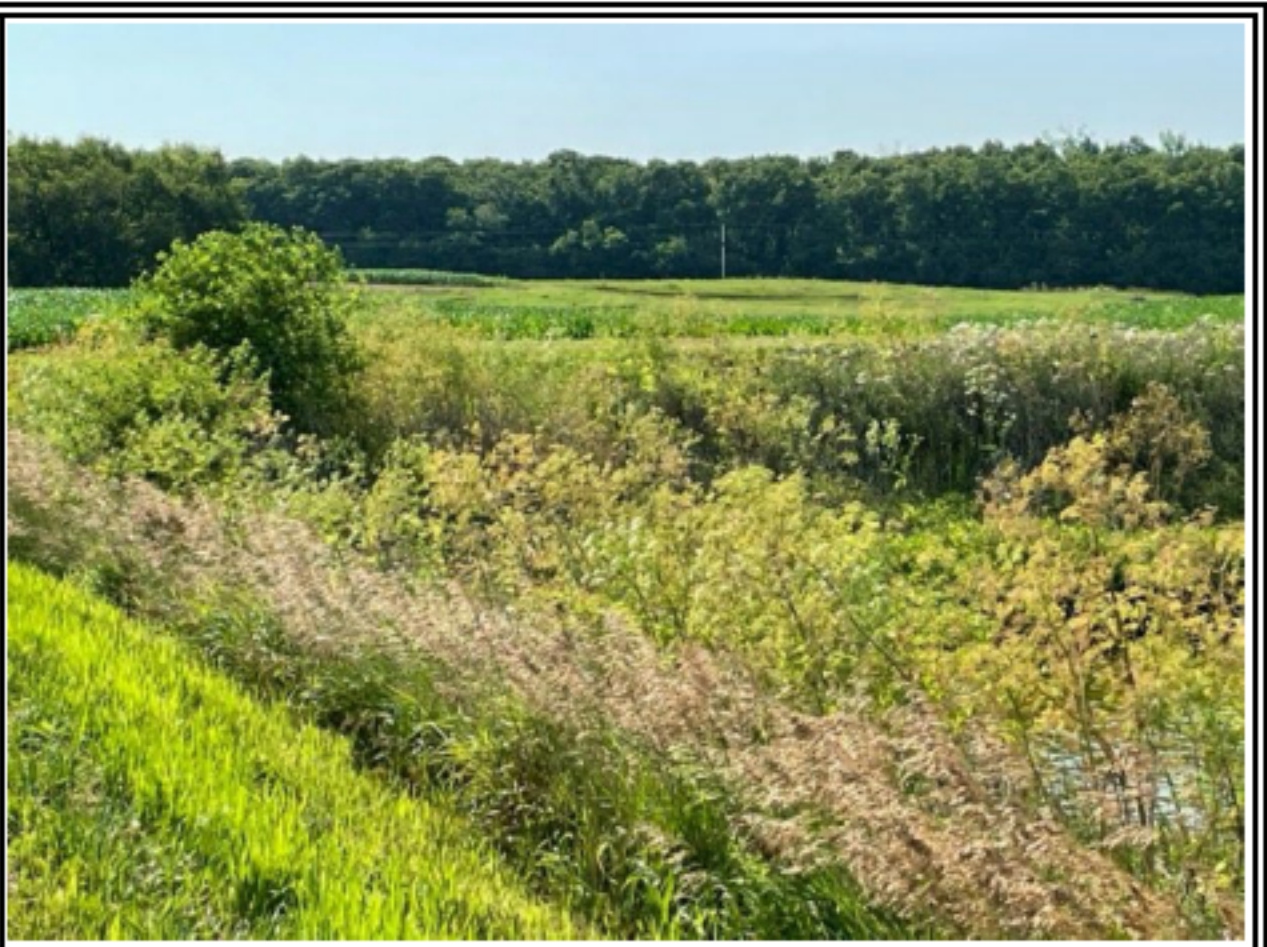
Date: 6/25/2024

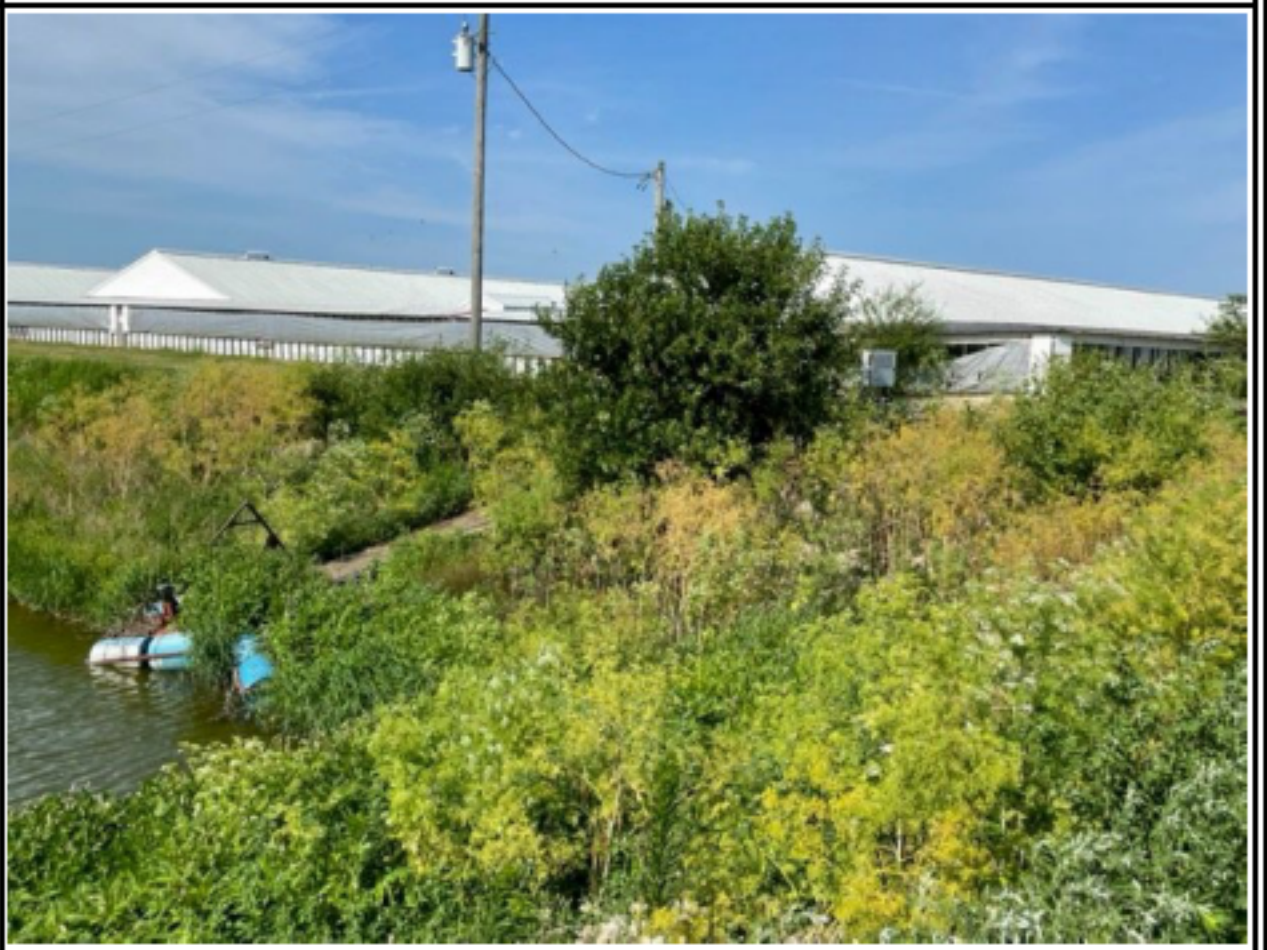
Farm Name/ID: J&A Asset Mgt – Hope Sow Unit #3862

Description: Photo of the Lagoon berm showing trees and woody growth.

Individuals Present: Diana Toth (photographer), Scott Kreuzman, Will Patterson



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Map(s)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
GPS Location Collected	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Field Screening Conducted	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Lab Sample	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

**Inspection Results/Actions**

Bio-Security	IDEM Bio-Security Policy Level 2 observed during time of inspection.
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**Finalize Inspection**

Written Summary of Inspection	Violations were discovered that require correction within 45 days of receipt of this report. Please correct the violation(s) and contact your CFO Compliance Inspector for a follow-up visit to review the repair(s).
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Inspector Information	Inspector:	Diana Toth
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