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To: ["wayne@culverduck.com"](mailto:wayne@culverduck.com)
Cc: [Carlos Rivero](#); [dturner](#)
Subject: Culver Duck Farms, Inc. Certified Operator Equivalent Approval - IN LA 000643
Date: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 12:59:00 PM
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Wayne,

Good afternoon, please see the attached approval for certified operator equivalency. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Nick Meulen



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July 23, 2025

Via E-Mail:

Culver Duck Farms, Inc.
Attn: Wayne Bontrager
12215 County Road 10
Middlebury, Indiana 46540-0910

Re: Certified Operator Equivalent
Culver Duck Farms, Inc.
Land Application Permit No. IN LA 000643
Elkhart County

Dear Mr. Bontrager:

We have reviewed your affidavit requesting certified operator equivalency for the purpose of operating the land application program for Culver Duck Farms, Inc.. Your experience gained as a previous long term land application operator for approximately 25% of the time from 1990 through 2024 is recognized for the purpose of compliance with 327 IAC 6.1-7-1(a)(1).

If you have any questions regarding your land application permit, feel free to contact me at (317) 233-2412 or NMeulen@idem.IN.gov.

Sincerely,

Nicholas C. Meulen, Environmental Manager
Solid Waste Permits Section
Office of Land Quality

Cc: David Turner, Turner Tech, LLC
Carlos Rivero, Culver Duck Farms, Inc.



From: dturner@turnertech.net
To: [Meulen, Nicholas](#)
Cc: "Carlos Rivero"
Subject: Culver Duck personnel change
Date: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 7:00:05 AM
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Nick

Conner Baker abruptly left Culver Duck recently. Wayne Bontrager who performed Conner's responsibilities for many years has replaced him and attached is his Certified Operator Equivalent form.

I worked with Wayne for many years. He is very knowledgeable with the CD wastewater treatment system and land application. Wayne had retired last year and was brought back until someone else can be trained to replace him.

Thanks!

Dave



David Turner

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PART IX. AFFIDAVIT – CERTIFIED OPERATOR EQUIVALENT (Optional)

A. STATEMENT OF EXPERIENCE

This affidavit is required if the proposed land application program will not be conducted under the supervision of a certified wastewater treatment plant operator licensed under 327 IAC 8 but rather a person having at least one (1) year of experience in land application management practices and procedures.

Wayne Bontrager (name), being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

1. I live in Elkhart County, Indiana (county, state), and being of sound mind and over eighteen (18) years of age, I am competent to give this affidavit.

2. I hold the position of Land Application Operator for Culver Duck Farms, Inc. INLA000643 (permit applicant's name).

3. I hereby state that I have at least one (1) year of experience in land application management practices and procedures and that I am familiar with the requirements of 327 IAC 6.1. Land Application of Biosolids, Industrial Waste Product, and Pollutant-Bearing Water. My experience in land application management practices was gained in the following manner:

Previous long term land application operator - about 25% of hours from 1990 through August 2024 - about 25% of 34 years or 8.5 years experience.

Further Affiant Saith Not,
I affirm under penalty for perjury that the representations contained in this affidavit are true, to the best of my information and belief.

Wayne Bontrager 7-22-2025
Signature of Affiant Date

WAYNE Bontrager
Printed Name of Affiant

B. NOTARIZATION

State of Indiana }
County of Elkhart }

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Wayne Bontrager known by me to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument, signed the same and acknowledged to me that he/she did so sign the same, and that his/her free act and deed and that the statements made in the foregoing instrument are true.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and official seal this 22nd day of July, 2025.

I am a resident of LaGrange County, Indiana

Tina M Foster Tina M. Foster
Signature of Notary Public Printed name of Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 10-15-2030



From: [Carlos Rivero](#)
To: [Meulen, Nicholas](#); dturner@turnertech.net; [Wayne Bortrager](#)
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Hi

That would be: wayne@culverduck.com

Thanks

Carlos Rivero

Food Safety & Quality Assurance Manager

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From: Meulen, Nicholas <NMeulen@idem.IN.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 11:32 AM
To: dturner@turnertech.net
Cc: Carlos Rivero <Carlos@culverduck.com>
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Dave,

Good morning and thank you for sending this. Do you have an email address for Wayne?

Thank you,
Nick Meulen



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