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July 2, 2024

Via US-Mail

Mr. Steve Wendel
12088 James Rd
Brookville, IN 47012

Re: **Inspection Summary Letter**
Steve Wendel Farm
Farm ID # 4063
Brookville, Franklin County

Dear Mr. Wendel:

On June 27, 2024, a representative of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Land Quality, conducted an inspection of the above-referenced facility, located at 12088 James Rd, Brookville, 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 CFO Site Visit
Results of Inspection:	No violations were observed (see attached inspection report).

Please direct any questions regarding this letter to Diana Toth at (463) 201-3696, or e-mail DRToth@idem.IN.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosure

cc: Franklin County Health Department
scott@kreuzmanconsulting.com
KMAYO@idem.IN.gov



CFO
INSPECTION REPORT
 INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF
 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Inspector's Name:	Diana Toth	
Others Present	Steve Wendel	Owner/Operator
	Scott & Ady Kreuzman	Ag Consultant
Date:	6/27/2024	
Time In:	8:40 AM	
Time Out:	10:08 AM	

General Information

Inspection Type

Inspection Type	CFO Routine
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Facility Information

Facility Name:	Facility Name: Steve Wendel
Facility Location:	Street Address: 12088 James Rd City: Brookville State: IN Zip Code: 47012 County: Franklin
Facility Mailing Information:	Mailing Address: Same as the Facility Location
Facility Contact Information:	Contact Person: Steve Wendel Contacts Phone Number: (812) 584-0812
Owner Contact Information	Owner Name: Same as the Facility Contact Information

Facility ID

Log Number	4063
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Animal Types

Animals Present	Depopulated
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Manure Management Systems

Type of Manure Management System	Concrete Waste Storage Pit(s)
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Approved Structures

Number of Permitted Structures	6
Number of Observed Structures	6

Outstanding Issues

Last Inspection Date:	7/31/2020
Previous Violation(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Checklist

<p>Discharge and Spill Requirements</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Unpermitted Discharge <input type="checkbox"/> Spill Not Reported <input type="checkbox"/> Spills Not Managed	<p>Approval and Performance Standards</p> <input type="checkbox"/> No Valid Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Approval Condition <input type="checkbox"/> Access Denied
<p>Operational Standards</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance and Operation <input type="checkbox"/> Improper Freeboard <input type="checkbox"/> Markers Not Maintained <input type="checkbox"/> Unapproved Manure Storage <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Earthen Berm Not Maintained <input type="checkbox"/> Removal of Accumulated Solids <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation Management System <input type="checkbox"/> Feedlot Run-Off	<p>Manure Application Activities</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Staging <input type="checkbox"/> Run-Off <input type="checkbox"/> Ponding <input type="checkbox"/> Spray Irrigation Operation <input type="checkbox"/> Transport and Handling <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Application, Snow and Frozen Ground <input type="checkbox"/> Manure Applied from Roadway <input type="checkbox"/> Manure Applied to Erodible Soils <input type="checkbox"/> Manure Applied to Saturated Soils

<input type="checkbox"/> Transport & Handling <input type="checkbox"/> Mortality Management	
Operating Record <input type="checkbox"/> Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Farmstead Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Manure Management Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Water Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan Certification <input type="checkbox"/> Certification by a Registered Professional Engineer <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Monitoring Records <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Response Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use Agreements <input type="checkbox"/> Justification of Nitrogen Losses <input type="checkbox"/> Land Application Records for 5 Years <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Land Application of Manure <input type="checkbox"/> Spill Documentation <input type="checkbox"/> Spray Irrigation Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Land Application Monitoring Activities <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing and Distribution Records for 5 Years <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Activities on Liquid Manure Storage Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Setback Waivers <input type="checkbox"/> Approvals	Land Application Records <input type="checkbox"/> Required Acreage for Manure Application <input type="checkbox"/> Manure and Soil Testing <input type="checkbox"/> Apply at Agronomic Rate <input type="checkbox"/> Land Application Records <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing & Distribution <input type="checkbox"/> Information Sheets
Storm Water Management <input type="checkbox"/> Applicability <input type="checkbox"/> Storm Water Management	Exiting Program <input type="checkbox"/> Decommissioning Storage Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Exiting the Program Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Closing the Operation

General Comments

The purpose of this inspection was for a routine CFO and exit inspection.

Mr. Wendel wishes to exit the CFO program due to no longer meeting the definition of a confined feeding operation for swine.

Mr. Wendel understands by exiting the CFO program that in the future, if he decides to increase the number of animals to 300 cattle, 600 swine or sheep, or 30,000 fowl, that he must first obtain a new approval.

The current permit for this facility has an effective date of 4/26/2021 and an expiration date of 4/26/2026. The renewal submission due date is 3/27/2026.

Mr. Scott Kreuzman provided a signed copy of Mr. Wendel's Request to Exit the CFO Program form (please see the attached copy CFO Exit Form).

The current permit allows for 1,950 grow-to-finish hogs, 40 farrowing sows with litters, 650 nursery pigs and 238 gestating sows. Per Mr. Wendel, this facility has been completely depopulated as of the fall of 2023.

I inquired about the future intended use of the CFO facility. Mr. Wendel indicated that he will continue to raise a few fattening hogs and will not raise more than 599 hogs at any point in the future.

All Operating Record Requirements were reviewed and were up to date including the Emergency Spill Plan, Storm Water Management and Self Inspections, and Land Application Records. There were no operating record violations.

The most recent manure analysis was completed on 11/6/2023 and is valid for one (1) year.

The most recent soil analysis was completed for various fields the spring of 2022 and they are valid for four (4) years.

The manure from the former hog confinement facility has been pumped out of the barns, and properly land applied by Mr. Steve Wendel in April 2024 (please see the attached photographs of the inside of the barns – the pits although shallow, did not photograph as it is dark inside of the barns).

A visual inspection of the barns was completed. There is adequate vegetative groundcover and gravel surrounding the barns. No storm water issues were noted.

Mr. Steve Wendel has a valid fertilizer applicator's license with the OISC.

Mortalities had previously been rendered. No issues were noted with the mortality compost area.

A copy of this inspection report will be forwarded to the IDEM CFO Permit Section for their review.

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.

Inspection Documentation

Photograph's Taken

Yes No

Photo Description

Location

Date: 6/27/2024

Farm Name/ID: Steve Wendel #4063

Description: Inside of Barn E1. The barns are currently empty of livestock, and the manure has been removed.

Individuals Present: Diana Toth (photographer), Steve Wendel, Scott & Ady Kreuzman



Date: 6/27/2024

Farm Name/ID: Steve Wendel #4063

Description: Inside of Barn E2. The barns are currently empty of livestock, and the manure has been removed.

Individuals Present: Diana Toth (photographer), Steve Wendel, Scott & Ady Kreuzman



Date: 6/27/2024

Farm Name/ID: Steve Wendel #4063

Description: Inside of Barn E3. The barns are currently empty of livestock, and the manure has been removed.

Individuals Present: Diana Toth (photographer), Steve Wendel, Scott & Ady Kreuzman



Date: 6/27/2024

Farm Name/ID: Steve Wendel #4063

Description: Inside of Barn E4 & E5 (the barns share a common roofline). The barns are currently empty of livestock, and the manure has been removed.

Individuals Present: Diana Toth (photographer), Steve Wendel, Scott & Ady Kreuzman



Date: 6/27/2024

Farm Name/ID: Steve Wendel #4063

Description: Inside of Barn E6. The barns are currently empty of livestock, and the manure has been removed.

Individuals Present: Diana Toth (photographer), Steve Wendel, Scott & Ady Kreuzman



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

Inspection Results/Actions	
Bio-Security	IDEM Bio-Security Policy Level 2 observed during time of inspection.
Finalize Inspection	
Written Summary of Inspection	No violations were discovered with respect to the items reviewed during the inspection.
Inspector Information	Inspector: Diana Toth
	Phone Number: (463) 201-3696
	Email Address: DRToth@idem.IN.gov

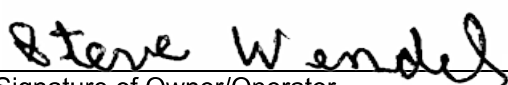


**CONFINED FEEDING OPERATION
REQUEST FOR EXITING THE PROGRAM**
State Form 49827(R4 / 3-16)

**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

Confined Feeding Section
Office of Land Quality
100 North Senate Avenue
MC 65-45, IGCN 1101
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete all required sections, sign, date, and return this form to the address above. The Request For Exiting The Program Document needs to be submitted by the Owner/Operator.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION			
Farm ID Number (Log Number):	4063 (or)	Approval Number:	AW- 4127
Date of Last Approval: (month, day, year)	4/26/2021	County of Operation:	Franklin
Owner/Operator Name (Name to which the Approval was issued)	Steve Wendel		
Name of Operation (if applicable):	Steve Wendel		
Mailing Address of Owner/Operator:	12088 James Rd Brookville, IN 47012		
Telephone Number (with area code):	(812) 584-0812	Email Address:	N/A
Location of Operation (nearest crossroads or mailing address):	12088 James Rd Brookville, IN 47012		
If any of the above information is unknown, contact IDEM at 317/232-4473.			
II. EXITING THE PROGRAM			
I am requesting to exit the Confined Feeding Operations (CFO) program because (check all that apply):			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> My operation currently meets the requirement as defined in 327 IAC 19-16-1(a)(1) and does not meet the definition of a confined feeding operation under the statute IC 13-11-2-40(1) and (3) which states:			
"Confined feeding operation", for purposes of IC 13-18-10, means:			
(1) any confined feeding of:			
(A) at least three hundred (300) cattle;			
(B) at least six hundred (600) swine or sheep;			
(C) at least thirty thousand (30,000) fowl; and			
(D) at least five hundred (500) horses; or			
(2) AFO electing to be subject to IC 13-18-10; or			
(3) any animal feeding operation that is causing a violation of:			
(A) water pollution control laws;			
(B) any rules of the water pollution control board; or			
(C) IC 13-18-10.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I no longer confine livestock at the above referenced facility. (327 IAC 19-16-3(a)(1))			
<input type="checkbox"/> I have removed all manure stored in pits and/or lagoons at the above referenced facility. (327 IAC 19-16-3(a)(2))			
By submitting this request for exiting the CFO program, I understand my request will be reviewed by IDEM staff and a Confined Feeding Compliance Inspector will visit my operation to confirm the declared status.			
If the farm no longer has animals, the manure must be properly removed from any lagoons, pits, or tanks prior to a compliance inspector visiting the operation.			
If I am approved to exit the program, I understand I will be removed from the list of approved operations and will not have to meet the requirements of my approval or submit a manure management plan to IDEM once every five (5) years. If I intend at some point in the future to increase the size of my operation above the animal numbers required in IC 13-18-10, I must seek a new approval prior to increasing the size of the operation.			
III. SIGNATURE			
I affirm that the information on this form is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, complete and accurate. I am aware of the penalties for knowingly submitting false information under IC 13-30-10-1.5.			
 Signature of Owner/Operator		2/7/2024 Date (month, day, year)	