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Dr. Susan Hedman
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77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Re: Response to the “*Initial Results of an Informal Investigation*”, Petition to Withdraw the NPDES Program

Dear Dr. Hedman:

We have reviewed Region 5’s “*Initial Results of an Informal Investigation of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations in the State of Illinois*”, of September 2010, and are providing a response to the findings and recommendations.

Our response (attached) contains a list of actions we have taken and will take in the coming months for each of the required and recommended actions in the “Initial Results” report. In addition, our response contains a schedule for each action.

Since this will require many short-term and long-term actions, some dependent on the outcome of others, I hope that our respective staffs can meet in the next few weeks to discuss the steps necessary to move these response actions forward. I know we are meeting to discuss a number of issues, and would anticipate these being among the issues discussed. Please have your staff contact Marcia Willhite of my staff, at 217-782-1654 or at marcia.willhite@illinois.gov to arrange such a meeting with respect to this response.

Very truly yours,

Douglas P. Scott
Director