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August 19, 2021

Patrick Tolman  
Farmland Reserve, Inc.  
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Salt Lake City, UT 84111

**Re: New State Waste Discharge Application Permit No. ST0501336, River Point Farms  
Onion Processing Facility**

Dear Patrick Tolman:

Thank you for submitting an application for a new State Waste Discharge Permit. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) acknowledges receiving the application on September 4, 2020 and accepted on August 17, 2021.

Before Ecology can issue a Temporary Permit, we need to collect a permit application fee. Enclosed is an application fee invoice. If you have questions about these fees, please visit our permit fee website at: [Water Quality Permit Fees at https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Water-quality/Water-quality-permits/Fees](https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Water-quality/Water-quality-permits/Fees). If you have fee related questions, please contact our Fee Unit at [wqfee\\_unit@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:wqfee_unit@ecy.wa.gov) or by phone at 800-633-6193.

Once Ecology receives the application fee, we will complete the application review. If you would like to pay by EcoPay, please contact our Fee Unit. It will take up to five days for them to set this up.

Your application is a matter of public record. State Water Pollution Control Laws requires publishing of a legal Public Notice which describes the discharge for any operation. This is to give the public a chance to be aware of, and comment on any wastewater treatment and disposal facilities. In compliance with this requirement, enclosed is a copy of the Public Notice describing your wastewater discharge. The Department of Ecology will publish this notice in the "Legal Classified Section" of the **Tri City Herald** on **August 26**, and **September 2, 2021**. There will be a 30 day comment period from the last publication date. Comments received during this period will be considered in the formulation of the temporary permit.

Since the Department is unable to act upon the application during the 60 days following acceptance on August 17, 2021, according to RCW 90.48.200, the application and attachments will provide the basis for a **Temporary Permit**. That permit will **become effective 30 days after the final publication date**, provided:

1. no significant comments are received;

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2. the details of monitoring, reporting and interim limits are worked out and appended to the application; and
3. the permit application fee has been paid.

The Temporary Permit will remain valid for up to five years or until a formal permit can be written.

If you have any questions about our review of the application or the permitting process, please contact Matthew Durkee at [matthew.durkee@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:matthew.durkee@ecy.wa.gov) or 509-379-4384 or me at [cynthia.huwe@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:cynthia.huwe@ecy.wa.gov) or 509-379-372.

Sincerely,



Cindy Huwe  
Permit Coordinator  
Water Quality Program  
Central Regional Office

Enclosure:    Application Fee Invoice  
                  Public Notice

Cc:    Gary Ransom, Farmland Reserve  
         Kerri Macomber, River Point Farms