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January 8, 2021

Allyson McBride
Hughes Farms Inc.
13225 Farm to Market Road
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Dear Allyson McBride:

Re: Application for Renewal of Industrial NPDES Wastewater Discharge Permit

Permit No. WA0991008 has been issued for the discharge of wastewater from Hughes Farms Inc. to waters of the United States. This permit is due to expire on December 31, 2021. Federal law and regulation requires an application for renewal of this permit.

Completing the Application

Please use the application Forms 1 and 2C from the EPA website at: [NPDES Applications and Forms- EPA Applications | National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System \(NPDES\) | US EPA](#) (If you do not have access to a computer, please contact Tricia Miller at 425-649-7201 to request a hard copy.)

To allow sufficient time to develop your permit, the completed application must be received at the address below on or before June 30, 2021.

Water Quality Permit Coordinator
Northwest Regional Office
Department of Ecology
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Bellevue, WA 98008-5452

The Ecology permit manager for your facility is Jeanne Tran. She has marked below those sections of the application which need to be filled out based upon our understanding of your facility and information which may have already been submitted in an engineering report or other documents. If there have been significant changes to the facility or to the character of the wastewater, you may need to fill in additional sections. Examine all of the questions to see if there are some that are applicable even if they have not been marked. Please submit any additional information that you feel may help Ecology determine the impact of your discharge to surface waters.

Please complete all of Form 1 and those sections of Form 2C which are checked (X) below.

- ☒ Section 1. Outfall Location
- ☒ Section 2. Line Drawing
- ☒ Section 3. Average Flows and Treatment
- ☒ Section 4. Intermittent Flows
- ☒ For Section 5. Production

- ☒ *Section 6. Improvements*
- ☒ *Section 7. Effluent and Intake Characteristics*
- ☒ *Section 8. Used or Manufactured Toxics*
- ☐ *Section 9. Biological Toxicity Tests*
- ☒ *Section 10. Contact Analyses*
- ☒ *Section 11. Additional Information*
- ☒ *Section 12. Checklist and Certification Statement*

Effluent limits for some pollutants are dependent upon the concentration already present in the receiving water. Please submit any available information on the background concentrations of pollutants at the point of discharge.

The application must be signed by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official (WAC 173-216-070).

Permit Fees

Fees paid by permit holders support the wastewater permit program (RCW 90.48.465). Ecology regulation (Chapter 173-224 WAC) establishes annual permit fees to recover costs associated with issuing and managing wastewater discharge permits. We will continue to assess and bill annual permit fees to you unless the permit is formally cancelled. Please direct any questions you may have about the permit fees to the fee unit at wqfeeunit@ecy.wa.gov or 1-800-633-6193.

Signature authority for submittals required by the permit such as monthly discharge monitoring reports may be delegated to a specific individual or to a position which is expected to be filled by a qualified individual. If you wish to delegate authority, please submit, along with the application, a letter delegating signature authority.

Sincerely,



Tricia Miller
Water Quality Permit Coordinator
Northwest Regional Office