



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

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October 30, 2023

Steve Boon  
Western Valley Farms, LLC  
4701 Scoon Rd  
Sunnyside, WA 98944

**Permit Number: WAG015020**

**RE: Transfer of Coverage under the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and State Waste Discharge General Permit**

Dear Steve Boon:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) received your request to transfer permit coverage under the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and State Waste Discharge General Permit (combined permit). Our records have been updated to show Steve Boon of Western Valley Farms LLC as responsible for permit coverage effective November 1, 2023.

**Retain this letter with your permit. It is part of the official record of permit coverage for your operation.** Read the combined permit carefully, a copy is included with this letter. As a Permittee, you are legally obligated to comply with its terms and conditions.

**Submitting Annual Reports**

This permit requires you to submit an annual report by December 31 of each year using Ecology's secure online system, WQWebPortal. To sign up, visit our [online WQWebPortal guidance](#)<sup>1</sup>. If you have questions, contact the portal staff at (800) 633-6193/option 3, or email [WQWebPortal@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:WQWebPortal@ecy.wa.gov).

**Confidential Business Information**

Ecology will not accept reports and plans submitted for permit compliance that contain claims of confidential business information (CBI). Information required to be submitted by the combined permit is effluent related data, which may not be claimed as confidential.

If your reports contain other information beyond what is required by the permit, and you consider it proprietary, remove the information from the plan you are submitting.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Water-quality-permits-guidance/WQWebPortal-guidance>

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Examples of information not required by the combined permit but that may be included in an equivalent plan that could be claimed as confidential are:

- Feeding regimes or rations
- Milk production
- Fly control strategies

#### **Permit Fees**

State law (RCW 90.48.465) requires that all Permittees pay an annual permit fee based upon the state fiscal year. The state fiscal year begins each year on July 1, and ends on June 30 the following year. Ecology mails permit fee bills to all Permittees annually. Permittees that have permit coverage on July 1 will receive a permit fee bill. There are provisions for a permit fee reduction for facilities meeting the requirements in WAC 173-224-090. If you would like more information on the permit fee process, contact Ecology's Permit Fee Unit at (800) 633-6193 extension 2 or [wqfeeunit@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:wqfeeunit@ecy.wa.gov).

#### **If You Have Questions**

If you need more information about permit requirements, please contact Heather Patt at [heather.patt@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:heather.patt@ecy.wa.gov) or (360) 764-0890. For information about facility inspections, please contact your Regional Inspector, Franklin Johnson of the Washington Department of Agriculture at [franklin.johnson@agr.wa.gov](mailto:franklin.johnson@agr.wa.gov) or (360) 890-5016.

Sincerely,



Jeff Killelea, Manager  
Program Development Services Section  
Water Quality Program

**Enclosures:** CAFO Combined Permit  
**cc:** WSDA DNMP  
Ecology Permit Fee Unit, HQ  
Skyridge Farms LLC