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Jim Shelton
9411 Axlund Road
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RE: Your cattle farm at 9411 Axlund Road

Dear Mr. Shelton,

Thank you for meeting with me at your farm on June 18, 2013, and thank you for having already fenced your cattle out of the saturated area in the west pasture as I recommended during that visit. In the enclosed inspection report, you will find my recommendations for ensuring that fecal coliform bacteria generated by your cattle operation does not discharge from your property in violation of state law.

There is financial assistance available to help you install the best management practices that I have recommended, including heavy use area protection for the area behind the barn, and possibly for re-routing the pipes that divert excess storm water runoff onto the wet slope of the west pasture. I urge you to take advantage of this assistance and will help you through the process. The first step is to contact Dave Timmer at A Rocha. He is administering the program and will help you get started.

I look forward to working with you and feel confident that I can help you come up with a solution that has minimal impact to your operation. I will likely continue to monitor the water flowing off of your property to ensure that our solutions are working. If elevated bacteria levels persist, I will work with you to adapt solutions until we correct the problem.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

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