

Maryland Department of the Environment
Land and Materials Administration

Notice of Final Approval of Required Plan

Pursuant to Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”) 26.08.04.09N(3)(c) and (l)(i), the Maryland Department of the Environment (the “Department”) provides notice of its final approval of the Zion Acres Poultry, LLC /Galen Horst’s required plan. This plan is part of an application for coverage under the General Discharge Permit for Animal Feeding Operations (“GD Permit”). This farm is located at 80 England Creamery Road, North East, Maryland, 21901.

The Department issued its preliminary approval of the required plan for Zion Acres Poultry, LLC on October 15, 2018. Written comments were received regarding the Department’s preliminary approval. The Department also considered written and oral comments submitted during the public comment period, which concluded on the close of business on December 25, 2018.

The Department’s final approval of the Zion Acres Poultry, LLC /Galen Horst’s required plans is based on the Department’s review of the required plans, relevant GD Permit terms and conditions, and applicable State and federal laws and regulations and the following modifications: add a description of the normal mortality management method for the heifers and identify the location of the farm’s drinking water wells on the conservation map.

A person aggrieved by the Department’s final approval of the required plan for the referenced farm may request a contested case hearing in accordance with COMAR 26.08.04.09N(3)(l)(ii) by submitting a written request within fifteen (15) calendar days of the publication of this notice to: Ms. Kaley Laleker, Director, Land and Materials Administration, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1719. The form and content of a contested case hearing shall be consistent with COMAR 26.08.04.08K(2) and (3). In accordance with COMAR 26.08.04.09N(1)(iii), the contested case hearing shall be limited to contesting the terms of the approved plan(s). Any contested case hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the Maryland Administrative Procedure Act, State Government Article §§ 10-201 et seq., and COMAR 26.01.02 and 28.02.01.

For further information regarding this notice, please contact Ms. Pamela Harris, Hearing Officer, Animal Feeding Operations Division, at (410) 537-3314.