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DIRECTOR

November 19, 2019

Ms. Kim Huss
Rainbow Basket Egg Farm
1700 North Rochester Road
Oakland, MI 48363

Dear Ms. Huss:

On November 13, 2019, I met with you to review the manure management practices followed at your livestock facility in Oakland County. This review was conducted by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), Right to Farm Program, in response to a complaint received by our office. The complaint concerned odor and the location (siting) of your poultry livestock facilities.

At the time of the review, I observed that poultry and livestock facilities are being regularly cleaned and maintained. Also, at the time of the review, your poultry and livestock have access to adequate water, food and shelter. Finally, at the time of the review, you indicated continuing making improvement to your property to manage stormwater and erecting permanent fencing for your poultry and livestock.

MDARD made a determination that your facility conforms to the Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices for Site Selection and Odor Control for New and Expanding Livestock Facilities (Site Selection GAAMPs) in 2018. Since no changes were made to your facility in 2019, your facility maintains conformance to the Site Selection GAAMPs.

Based on this review and the information provided, MDARD will classify this complaint as not verified. Therefore, the file will be closed.

As required by the Michigan Right to Farm Act, a copy of this letter is being sent to the township and county where the farm is located.

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with me to review your agricultural management practices, and for your efforts and commitment to maintain the positive image of Michigan agriculture. Please feel free to contact me at 517-930-2966, if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Mahoney, CCA/CPAg
Right to Farm Program