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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

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MANUEL GALHANDRO DAIRY, KINGS COUNTY

We recently inspected your dairy pursuant to a complaint filed with the Kings County Environmental Health Department. The complainant indicated that excessive amounts of wastewater are discharged to your disposal field on the south side of the dairy.

Our inspection indicates that wastewater is not being properly managed at your dairy. Water was observed to be ponded in the southwest corner of your corrals, and wastewater with a Specific Conductance of 6,800 µmhos/cm was observed in your irrigation ditch surrounding your disposal field. It was apparent that you are applying wastewater directly to the field, without blending, and at a time when the crop does not need the moisture. Wastewater poses a threat to the underlying groundwater if it is applied in excess of the assimilative capacity of the plants, or in excess of reasonable loading rates for soil.

An approximately 4-inch PVC pipe leads from your wastewater pond, crosses the on-site canal (supported by a stick), and discharges to a perimeter ditch surrounding your disposal field. This discharge line is susceptible to rupture and poses a threat to water quality. Therefore, the line needs to be rerouted or suspended in a manner that will minimize the threat to water quality, such as supported in a ductile iron pipe that extends to the outside of the canal levees.

You must immediately stop discharging wastewater in a manner that poses a threat to water quality. By **30 April 2000**, submit a technical report to our office that describes your waste disposal procedures for wastewater and manure. The technical report must provide the information indicated on the attached **CONFINED ANIMAL FACILITY INFORMATION REQUEST FORM**, including number of milk cows, total herd size, and total cropland available for wastewater application. If wastewater is to be discharged to neighboring property, a copy of an irrevocable wastewater disposal agreement must be included in the report. The technical report must also include a plan for rerouting or properly suspending the discharge line that crosses the on-site canal.

To assist in the proper management of the wastes produced by your dairy, and to avoid the application of excess nutrients to your cropland, we also recommend that you contact the United States Department of

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Mr. Manuel Galhandro

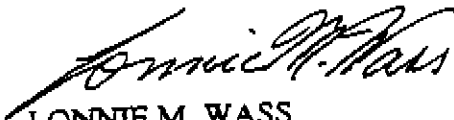
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Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) at (559) 584-9209. In many cases the NRCS will assist in the development of waste management plans at no cost to the owner. Their address is:

Natural Resources Conservation Service
680 Campus Drive, Suite "E"
Hanford, CA 93230

You are responsible for providing the technical report regardless of whether NRCS will be able to assist you. If you have questions regarding this matter, please call Cliff Raley at (559) 445-5130.



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