

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



Notice of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation Application General Permit Authorization No. TXG921059

Application. Cal-Maine Foods, Inc., P. O. Box 219, Flatonia, Texas 78941 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under General Permit No. TXG920000 for a non-substantial change to the terms of the nutrient management plan (NMP) previously submitted to the TCEQ. The egg laying facility previously operated a liquid waste management system where some of the chicken houses were flushed. The liquid waste handling system has been replaced with a dry waste management system thereby reducing the amount of process generated wastewater. The retention control structure (RCS) will be used for storing egg wash wastewater only.

In the original design, the facility produced process generated wastewater from wash water in the egg processing plant. The wastewater was then transferred to an RCS, and then recycled to flush manure from the poultry houses that utilized a liquid waste management system.

There are two RCSs, RCS #1 and #2. RCS #2 will be closed. RCS #1 will be used to store egg wash wastewater, and the design calculations for RCS #1 has been revised.

The significant expansion that was approved on July 18, 2014, authorized 82,500 laying hens (liquid waste) and 1,117,500 laying hens (dry) for a total of 1,200,000 laying hens. All 1,200,000 laying hens will become dry due to the change to the waste management system. The proposed change will eliminate flushing of the poultry houses. The amount of manure generated (10,731 tons/year) remains unchanged. The notice of change application and the updated NMP were received by TCEQ on December 5, 2017.

No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this general permit except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions or events. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The facility is located at 1522 Flatonia Airport Road, Flatonia in Fayette County, Texas. The facility is located in the drainage area of the Colorado River Below La Grange and Guadalupe River Below San Marcos River in Segment Nos. 1402 and 1803 of the Colorado and Guadalupe Rivers River Basin.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has approved the proposed non-substantial change to the terms of the NMP. The revised terms of the NMP have been included in the permit record and it is available at the TCEQ's Central Records, 12100 Park 35 Circle Austin, Texas 78753.

Information. For additional information about this application, contact Joy Alabi at (512) 239-1318. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.texas.gov/.

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