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December 6, 2018

Mr. Lynn Blocher
Blocher Chicken Farm, LLC
3072 W SR 114
North Manchester, IN 46962

Dear Mr. Blocher

Re: **Inspection Summary Letter**
Blocher Chicken Farm, LLC
Farm No. 6618
North Manchester, Wabash County

On December 4, 2018, a representative of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Land Quality, conducted an inspection of the above-referenced facility. This inspection was conducted pursuant to IC 13-14-2-2. For your information, and in accordance with IC 13-14-5, a summary of the inspection is provided below:

Type of Inspection:	Routine
Results of Inspection:	No violations were observed (see attached inspection report).

Please direct any questions regarding this letter to Mr. Chris Lowell, 317-650-3191 or clowell@idem.in.gov.

Sincerely,

Charles P. Grady, Section Chief
Confined Feeding Operation Compliance
Office of Land Quality

Enclosure

cc: Wabash County Health Department



CFO
INSPECTION REPORT
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Inspector's Name:	Chris Lowell	
Others Present	Lynn Blocher	Owner
Date:	12/4/2018	
Time In:	10:45 AM	
Time Out:	12:00 PM	

General Information

Inspection Type

Inspection Type	CFO Routine
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Facility Information

Facility Name:	Facility Name: Blocher Chicken Farm, LLC
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Facility Location:	Street Address: 3072 W SR 114 City: North Manchester State: IN Zip Code: 46962 County: Wabash
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Facility Mailing Information:	Mailing Address: same Mailing City: Mailing State: Mailing Zip Code:
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Facility Contact Information:	Contact Person: Lynn Blocher Contacts Phone Number: 260-901-3363 Contact Fax Number: Contact E-mail Address:
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Owner Contact Information	Owner Name: Blocher Chicken Farm, LLC Owner Phone Number: Owner Fax Number: Owner E-mail Address:
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Facility ID

Log Number	6618
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Animal Types

Animals Present	Dairy Heifers Broilers Steers
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Manure Management Systems

Type of Manure Management System	Poultry Barn with Dry Litter Storage Dry Manure Storage Shed Concrete Pad
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Approved Structures

Number of Permitted Structures	12
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Number of Observed Structures	12
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Outstanding Issues

Last Inspection Date:	6/19/2014
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Previous Violation(s):	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
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Checklist

Discharge and Spill Requirements

- ☐ Unpermitted Discharge
- ☐ Spill Not Reported
- ☐ Spills Not Managed

Approval and Performance Standards

- ☐ No Valid Approval
- ☐ Approval Condition
- ☐ Access Denied

Operational Standards <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance and Operation <input type="checkbox"/> Improper Freeboard <input type="checkbox"/> Markers Not Maintained <input type="checkbox"/> Unapproved Manure Storage <input type="checkbox"/> Self Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Earthen Berm Not Maintained <input type="checkbox"/> Removal of Accumulated Solids <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation Management System <input type="checkbox"/> Feedlot Run-Off <input type="checkbox"/> Transport & Handling <input type="checkbox"/> Mortality Management	Manure Application Activities <input type="checkbox"/> Staging <input type="checkbox"/> Run-Off <input type="checkbox"/> Ponding <input type="checkbox"/> Spray Irrigation Operation <input type="checkbox"/> Transport and Handling <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Application, Snow and Frozen Ground <input type="checkbox"/> Manure Applied from Roadway <input type="checkbox"/> Manure Applied to Erodeable Soils <input type="checkbox"/> Manure Applied to Saturated Soils
Operating Record <input type="checkbox"/> Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Farmstead Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Manure Management Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Water Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan Certification <input type="checkbox"/> Certification by a Registered Professional Engineer <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Self Monitoring Records <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Response Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use Agreements <input type="checkbox"/> Justification of Nitrogen Losses <input type="checkbox"/> Land Application Records for 5 Years <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Land Application of Manure <input type="checkbox"/> Spill Documentation <input type="checkbox"/> Spray Irrigation Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Land Application Monitoring Activities <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing and Distribution Records for 5 Years <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Activities on Liquid Manure Storage Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Setback Waivers <input type="checkbox"/> Approvals	Land Application Records <input type="checkbox"/> Required Acreage for Manure Application <input type="checkbox"/> Manure and Soil Testing <input type="checkbox"/> Apply at Agronomic Rate <input type="checkbox"/> Land Application Records <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing & Distribution <input type="checkbox"/> Information Sheets
Storm Water Management <input type="checkbox"/> Applicability <input type="checkbox"/> Storm Water Management	Exiting Program <input type="checkbox"/> Decommissioning Storage Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Exiting the Program Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Closing the Operation

General Comments

This site visit was a routine inspection. The farm consists of multiple barns, lots, and manure storage structures. Please refer to the most recent permit for more information pertaining to specific permitted units. The allowed animal capacity is 93,000 broiler chickens, 375 dairy heifers, and 7 steers. The farm was within the allowed animal capacity. The permit expires on 11-30-23.

A review of the operating record requirements was completed. All operating record requirements were present and up-to-date.

Manure is applied to crops. Mr. Blocher has a category 14 fertilizer applicator certification and fertilizer distributor license from the State Chemist. Manure is not marketed and distributed but it could be in the future so we discussed the required documentation. The most recent manure samples for poultry and cow manure were obtained on 3-1-18. Soil samples were dated 4-12-16. Land application records for the last 5 years were reviewed and found to be in compliance.

A visual inspection of the farm revealed that all permitted structures were in good condition. No runoff was noted from the cattle lots and silage pad. Vegetation is established and maintained. Dead animals are composted or incinerated.

Description of Violations and Further Actions

The findings noted in this report do not include a compliance evaluation for the submittal of required construction notifications, construction affidavits, facility change notifications, as-built plans, waste storage structure closures, and special compliance monitoring reports or data.

Inspection Documentation

Photograph's Taken	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Map(s)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

GPS Location Collected		<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Field Screening Conducted		<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Lab Sample		<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Inspection Results/Actions		
Bio-Security	IDEM Bio-Security Policy Level 2 observed during time of inspection.	
Single Media Inspection Results	No violation(s) were discovered with respect to the particular items observed during the inspection.	
Compliance Assistance Visit		
Certificate of Compliance		
Finalize Inspection		
Written Summary of Inspection		Notice of Inspection and/or Verbal Summary Provided.
Inspector Information	Inspector:	Chris Lowell
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