



November 18, 2021

Senator Carol Blood, District 3
State Capitol Building, Room 1021
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Dear Senator Blood:

This letter is written in response to your October 26, 2021 correspondence requesting the department respond to multiple concerns.

Currently, there are four National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit authorizations of NEP110000 for Pesticides Applications, To, Over, or Near Waters of the State of Nebraska. They are the US Army Corps of Engineers ID #410647, Sioux County Weed Control ID #411053, Madison County ID #998959, and Calamus Reservoir ID #57921. The comment period for the reissuance of the permit was published in the Omaha World Herald on September 23, 2021 and was open for comment until October 23, 2021. No comments were received. The permit was reissued on November 1, 2021.

Stormwater is addressed in the NPDES permit that was issued to the AltEn facility. There is not a standard plan as each plan must be site specific. NDEE continues to monitor the stormwater controls.

NDEE has not tested the lagoons at the Champion Feeders, LLC site. As a prerequisite for a Conditional Use Permit, Saunders County required Champion Feeders, LLC to test the lagoons. Potential runoff at that site is addressed in the NPDES General Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) issued to the facility.

NDEE is working diligently to ensure the environmental problems at the AltEn site are addressed and that the public health of the Mead community and Saunders County residents are protected and that they are kept informed of the NDEE's actions. A dedicated web page with information concerning the site is provided to keep the Mead community, Saunders County residents and interested citizens informed about significant activities related to the cleanup and mitigation actions at the AltEn ethanol facility <http://dee.ne.gov/Press.nsf/pages/AltEn>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Macy".

Jim Macy
Director