NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSTRUCT AN ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION

Notice is hereby given that the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) has received an application for state permit coverage under the 2017 *General Water Pollution Control Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations* (general permit) for an expanding animal feeding operation from:

Jerry Schmidt Cattle Operation Jerry Schmidt 18182 436th Ave Hazel, SD 57242

The expanding beef cattle feeding operation is located in the Southwest ¼ of Section 19, Township 115 North, Range 55 West in Hamlin County, approximately five miles west and one mile south of Hazel. Permit coverage was not previously required or obtained for the existing operation. The proposed expansion consists of housed lots feeding an additional 650 beef cattle for a new total maximum population of 1,300 beef cattle. The existing operation consists of an open lot which will be converted to a receiving yard and no longer used for beef cattle confinement and one cattle barn which will continue to be used with the proposed expansion. The proposed expansion is for an additional cattle barn.

The manure management system will consist of one existing manure pack barn and one proposed manure pack barn. The designed capacity of the manure pack barns is for at least 270 days of solids storage capacity. The manure will be land applied to fields located in portions of the following sections in Hamlin County and Clark County.

Hamlin County:

Section 19 in Township 115 North, Range 55 West.

Clark County:

Sections 23 and 24 in Township 115 North, Range 56 West.

Information about the permit application may be obtained from Justice Jessop with DANR by calling (605) 773-4647. Any person desiring to comment on whether the application meets the general permit requirements must submit written comments within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice. Commenters shall provide their name and address, a statement of the action they wish the department to take, and the facts supporting their position. Comments may be directed to the following address: South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Livestock Services Program, Joe Foss Building, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501-3182. DANR will consider and address all comments submitted. A copy of this notice and online commenting are available at https://danr.sd.gov/public. A final permit decision will be made after 30 days of this publication notice.

Hunter Roberts Secretary

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