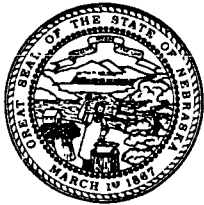


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### RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dr. Jim Pillen  
3214 24th Street  
Columbus, NE 68601

RE: St. Edward, Nebraska  
**Mt. Echo Reproduction Center**  
NW1/4, Section 16, Township 18N, Range 5W, Boone County  
**PST Northern Nance**  
E1/2, NW1/4, & W1/2, NE1/4, Section 33, Township 18N, Rang 5W, Nance County  
**Northern Plains Reproduction Center**  
SE, SW, Section 22, Township 18N, Range 5W, Nance  
**Beaver Valley Reproduction Center**  
SE1/4, Section 17, Township 18N, Range 5W, Boone County

### NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Dr. Pillen:

On April 4, 2000, personnel from this office conducted a routine inspection of the Mt. Echo Reproduction Center livestock waste control. During the inspection Mr. Ed Parks, manager of the operation, stated that the dead pigs were ground up and introduced into the operation's lagoon. Further, he stated that this practice was not confined to Mt. Echo but was used at all the above referenced sites.

This is a violation of Title 130, Rules And Regulations Pertaining To Livestock Waste Control, Chapter 11, 008, (copy enclosed) which states that "dead animals or carcasses shall not be placed in facilities or land applied with livestock waste".

Violations of Title 130 are subject to fines of up to \$10,000 (ten thousand) dollars per day of violation, §81-1508.02 (2) of the Nebraska Statutes (Cum. Supp. 1999).

The Department requires that the following items be addressed:

- 1) Immediately stop the practice of grinding swine and placing them in the lagoon.
- 2) Contact the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Animal Industry Section (402/471-2351) for guidance on proper methods of disposal of the dead livestock.



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This is the Departments request that you voluntarily comply with the requirements in this letter. However, compliance with these requirements does not necessarily mean that enforcement action of the above violations will not be taken by the NDEQ.

All contacts made pursuant to this NOV should be directed to the following:

NDEQ  
Keith Sandall or Renee Hancock  
P.O. Box 98922  
Lincoln, NE 68509-8922  
(402) 471-4239; FAX (402) 471-2909

Sincerely,



Patrick W. Rice  
Assistant Director

PWRDH/RH/KS  
enclosure  
mtecho.23  
pc: Dr. Larry Williams, State Veterinarian

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Dr. Jim Pallen

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