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A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE
DOLL HOG FARM

Pursuant to the Montana Environmental Policy Act, the following negative declaration has been prepared by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning the Doll Hog Farm and a request by Mr. Adrian Doll for waste discharge permit for his animal confinement facility located east of Havre, Montana.

The purpose of this negative declaration is to inform all interested governmental agencies, public groups, and affected private citizens of the Water Quality Bureau's intent not to write an environmental impact statement. This negative declaration will be circulated for a period of ten days at which time a decision will be made as to whether or not a waste discharge permit should be issued. If you care to comment on this application for a permit, please do so within that allotted time.

Mr. Doll currently maintains a confined swine operation encompassing approximately 17 acres and having capacity for approximately 1,500 swine at a site located five miles east of Havre, Montana on U. S. Highway #2. The animal confinement facility is located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 5, and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, of Sec. 6, both in T. 32 N., R. 17 E., of Hill County. The location of this operation is indicated on the attached map.

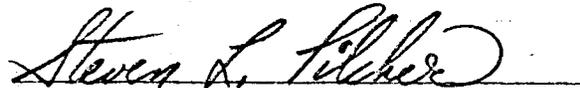
This livestock operation consists of a farrowing barn and open, dirt lots used for growing and finishing. Surface runoff from the feeding area is contained in the northeast corner of the operation by a recently constructed dike. This dike creates a retention pond capable of retaining the runoff from the feeding area which could be expected following a 10-year, 24-hour rainfall event. The waste material which

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accumulates in the retention pond will be removed as necessary to insure maximum storage capacity in the retention pond. The feeding area encompasses a rather steep slope and erosion from this slope is significant. The sediment would, however, be trapped in the retention pond rather than be discharged to the adjacent Milk River. Waste material which is removed from the feeding area as well as the control facility will be disposed of by spreading on agricultural land owned and operated by the Vita-Rich Dairy.

Any livestock operation may have an effect on the surrounding environment, but adverse environmental effects can be minimized through an acceptable waste management program. The retention structure which has been constructed should prevent, under normal conditions, any discharge to state waters and the waste management program proposed should minimize other adverse effects.

The only alternative available to the applicant in this situation would be to relocate the existing operation. As long as the waste control facilities and waste management program provide adequate environmental protection, such relocation does not seem justified.



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