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A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE
RICHARD F. PINNOW SWINE OPERATION

Pursuant to the Montana Environmental Policy Act, the following negative declaration has been prepared by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning the Richard F. Pinnow swine operation and a request by Mr. Pinnow for a waste discharge permit for this operation located northeast of Baker, Montana.

The purpose of this negative declaration is to inform all interested governmental agencies and public groups of the Water Quality Bureau's intent not to write an environmental impact statement. This 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. Pinnow has operated since 1973 a total confinement swine operation having capacity for approximately 400 head of swine. The operation is located in Sec. 1, T. 7 N., R. 59 E., of Fallon County, approximately one mile northeast of the community of Baker, Montana.

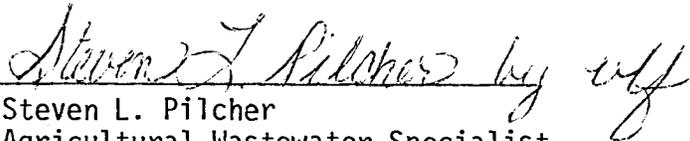
This facility is a total confinement type operation with all live-stock being held within buildings. Waste material which is produced will be deposited through slatted floors and contained in liquid manure pits located beneath the building. This waste material which accumulates within the pits is periodically removed and disposed of on adjacent agricultural land. Approximately 1,000 acres of such land is available for waste disposal. Flies around this animal confinement facility are controlled through a routine spraying program. Odors are minimized by

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adherence to a good waste management program and the use of certain chemicals within the liquid manure pits. Dead animals will be disposed of through a local rendering service.

Any animal confinement facility will have an effect on the surrounding environment, but adverse environmental effects can be minimized through adherence to a good waste management program. The waste control facilities and waste management program indicated on this application for a waste discharge permit should provide adequate protection to the environment.

The only alternative available to Mr. Pinnow would be the relocation of the existing facility. Our office has never received complaints of either air or water pollution from this facility, and such relocation would not seem justifiable. If the waste management program outlined on this application is followed, the adverse effect on the surrounding environment should be minimal.


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