

Tom Bauman  
Animal Waste Coordinator  
Department of Natural Resources  
101 S. Webster St.  
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Mr. Bauman,

We believe that {INSERT Name and Location of Facility}, a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation, is violating Wisconsin's water laws. {INSERT facts showing alleged violations of law, such as discharge of pollutants into surface or ground water.}

Whenever the DNR finds that anyone is violating Chapter 283 (Pollution Discharge Elimination), any rule, or any part of a Wisconsin Pollution Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit, the *DNR is required* to initiate an enforcement action by referring the case to the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Sec. 283.89(1), Wis. Stats. (making this a mandatory duty of the agency). The Department of Justice is then required to initiate the legal action that the DNR requested. Sec. 283.89(2).

We respectfully request that the DNR comply with this statute and on the basis of the information provided herein refer this case to the Department of Justice for appropriate enforcement.

Sincerely,

cc: Attorney General James Doyle  
Assistant Attorney General Joanne Kloppenberg  
Secretary Darrell Bazzell  
Andrew Hanson, Midwest Environmental Advocates