



Region 6 - Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division
INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date(s):	11/6/19	
Media Program:	Water	
Regulatory Program(s)	NPDES	
Company Name:	[REDACTED] Livestock Auction	
Facility Name:	[REDACTED] Livestock Auction	
Facility Physical Location:	[REDACTED]	
(city, state, zip code)	[REDACTED]	
Mailing address:	[REDACTED]	
(city, state, zip code)	[REDACTED]	
County/Parish:	[REDACTED]	
Facility Phone Number	[REDACTED]	
Facility Contact:	[REDACTED]	Owner
FRS Number:	N/A	
Identification/Permit Number:	[REDACTED]	
Media Identifier Number:	N/A	
NAICS:	42450	
SIC:	5154	
Personnel participating in inspection:		
Collin Martin	EPA R6 - ECDWR	Lead Inspector
David Jett	ODAFF	Inspector
EPA Lead Inspector Signature/Date	[REDACTED]	
	Collin Martin	Date
Supervisor Signature/Date	Esteban Herrera	12/27/19
	Esteban Herrera	Date

Section I – INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE INSPECTION

EPA Region 6 inspector Collin Martin and Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Inspector, David Jett arrived at [REDACTED] Livestock Auction at 10:37 AM on 11/6/2019 for an unannounced inspection. I met with the owner, [REDACTED] at the opening conference. I presented my credentials to [REDACTED] as I informed him that this was an EPA inspection to determine the facility's compliance with the Clean Water Act (CWA), specifically the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) regulations. The scope of the inspection was a Compliance Evaluation Inspection. Following the opening conference, [REDACTED] left us to carry out the remainder of the inspection unaccompanied.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

[REDACTED] Livestock Auction is a cattle sale barn which holds two sales per week; one sale on Tuesday and one sale on Thursday. For the Tuesday sale, cattle are typically dropped off on Mondays and picked up by Tuesday. For the Wednesday sale, cattle are typically dropped off on Wednesday and picked up by Thursday. The facility auctions cows, bulls, calves, and feeders. In the twelve months between November 2018 and October 2019, the facility held ninety-six (96) sales. Over this same twelve-month period, the facility confined and sold an average of 2,788 animals per sale day. The animals are housed in approximately 9.8 acres of uncovered pens. The open lots are scraped several times per week and the scrapings piled in uncovered area a three-acre area abutting the northeastern edge of the lots. The nearest waterbody in the watershed, [REDACTED], lies 70 feet east of the facility's bermed containment area.

Section II – OBSERVATIONS

Open Lots & Manure Piles:

At the time of the inspection, I observed the lots to be well-kept and generally clean. I observed the uncovered three-acre area where the manure/lot scrapings were being stockpiled (Photos #1-3). This three-acre area was contained within a larger thirteen-acre area that was designed to receive runoff from the production area. This area was bermed on three sides to prevent wastewater from leaving the containment area [AOC 1]. This containment area has no liner and has not been certified by a professional engineer for lack of hydrologic connection; neither have the capacity or integrity of this bermed area been certified by a professional engineer. [REDACTED] informed us that, until recently, the facility had an agreement with an individual who would come collect the lot scrapings and haul them offsite; however, as of the date of this inspection, this arrangement was no longer in place.

Adjacent Water Bodies:

I did not observe any visual markers in [REDACTED] Creek which might signify wastewater from the facility had entered the creek (Photo #4).

Section III – AREAS OF CONCERN

The following Areas of Concern were conveyed to ██████████ during the closing conference:

1. An operator of an unpermitted CAFO is never authorized to discharge from the CAFO under Clean Water Act § 301(a). All wastewater runoff must be prevented from entering a water of the U.S. As a best management practice, limit the amount of time manure is stored onsite; additionally, conduct regular visual inspections of the berm to ensure that wastewater cannot exit the storage area.

Section IV – FOLLOW UP

No additional information was received by EPA after exiting the Facility on 11/06/2019.

Section V – LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Photo Log – 4 photos taken 11/06/2019

Appendix 1

Photograph Log



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Photograph Log

Photo No. 1

Location:			
City:		County/Parish:	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: DSCN4747.JPG

Date of Photo: 11/06/2019

Time of Photo: 10:51 AM

Photographer: Collin Martin

Description: This photo was taken facing northwest across area where the manure/lot scraping storage area abuts the northern edge of the pens.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 2

Location:			
City:		County/Parish:	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: DSCN4752.JPG

Date of Photo: 11/06/2019

Time of Photo: 11:13 AM

Photographer: Collin Martin

Description: This photo was taken facing east across the manure/lot scraping storage area. Note the standing wastewater.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 3

Location:			
City:		County/Parish:	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: DSCN4756.JPG

Date of Photo: 11/06/2019

Time of Photo: 11:27 AM

Photographer: Collin Martin

Description: This photo was taken facing northeast across the manure/lot scraping storage area.



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Photograph Log

Photo No. 4

Location:			
City:		County/Parish:	State: Oklahoma



Photo File Name: DSCN4758.JPG

Date of Photo: 11/06/2019

Time of Photo: 11:52 AM

Photographer: Collin Martin

Description: This photo was taken facing east across [REDACTED] Creek.