



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Sent via Electronic Mail (*Dated as shown on electronic signature*)

John Place, CEO Nourse Farms
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Subject: August 15, 2024, EPA Inspection

Dear Mr. Place:

On August 15, 2024, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") performed an inspection at Nourse Farms Greenhouse Construction regarding compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program of the Clean Water Act, and specifically EPA's Construction General Permit (CGP) for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activities. A copy of the inspection report is enclosed with this letter.

Specific comments, informed by the inspection, are as follows:

The site's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) as submitted to EPA via email, did not contain multiple elements specifically required by the CGP, including:

- **7.2.2 Stormwater Team.** Identify the personnel (by name and position) that you have made part of the stormwater team pursuant to Part 6.1
- **7.2.3 Nature of Construction Activities**
- **7.2.4 Site Map**
- **7.2.6 Description of Stormwater Controls.** [...], you must include the following:
- A description of the specific control(s) to be implemented to meet these requirements *[emphasis added]*
- **7.2.9 Compliance with Other Requirements** including **Threatened and Endangered Species Protection** and **Historic Properties**
- **7.2.10 SWPPP Certification.**

Please provide a copy of a revised SWPPP within 60 days. You may provide an unsigned copy if submitting electronically. Please provide to the following technical contact:

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Legal issues may be directed to Jeff Kopf, Senior Enforcement Counsel, at (617) 918-1795 or kopf.jeff@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

Inspection Report for August 15, 2024, EPA Inspection and Contact Sheet of Pictures,
EPA Small Business Information Sheet

CCs (electronic only):

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