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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

DR. TIM BORING
DIRECTOR

September 22, 2025

Mr. Chad Mills
4650 S. Ransom Road
Ashley, MI 48806

Dear Mr. Mills:

On November 4, 2024, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), Right to Farm Program, received a complaint related to stockpiles of manure that could cause potential runoff.

At the time of our meeting on August 29, 2025, we discussed improvements related to removing manure and implementing lot scraping practices and discussed options for manure removal.

MDARD would like to schedule a **follow-up inspection for December 2, 2025, between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** to review the further implementation of practices as described in your schedule of implementation.

If you have any questions, contact the Right to Farm Program office at 517-284-5619 or me at 517-930-2966 or MahoneyS@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

Stephen Mahoney, CCA/CPAg
Resource Analyst
Conservation and Stewardship

cc: Gratiot County Clerk
Hamilton Township Clerk
Ms. Karen Mills