

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Protection de la nature et des Parcs

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE APPROVAL

NUMBER 8944-C55FWX Issue Date: July 29, 2021

Wiet Peeters Farm Products Ltd. 8267 Middle Line Charing Cross Chatham-Kent, Ontario NOP 1G0

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Site Location: Peeters Mushroom Farm

8260, 8267 Middle Line, Charing Cross Municipality of Chatham-Kent, Ontario

You have applied under section 20.2 of Part II.1 of the <u>Environmental Protection Act</u>, R.S.O. 1990, c. E. 19 (Environmental Protection Act) for approval of:

construction of private wastewater infrastructure works for Wiet Peeters Farm Products Ltd., servicing Peeters Mushroom Farm facilities, located at 8260 and 8267 Middle Line, for the transmission of sanitary sewage via pumping station, ultimately discharging to Blenheim WPCP for treatment and disposal, consisting of the following:

Proposed Works:

- a sewage pumping station, located on 8260 Middle Line, consisting of 1800 millimetre diameter prefabricated fibreglass manhole, designed at a maximum peak flow rate of 2.0 litres per second, consisting of two (2) grinder pumps (one duty, one stand-by), each capable of pumping 1.8 litres per second at a Total Dynamic Head (TDH) of 18.14 metres;
- a 55 millimetre diameter forcemain located on Middle Line, approximately 610 metres long, conveying sanitary sewage from pumping station, discharging to an existing municipal sanitary sewers, located on Middle Line (near 8391 Middle Line);

including all other mechanical system, electrical system, instrumentation and control system, standby power system, piping, pumps, valves and appurtenances essential for the proper, safe and reliable operation of the Works in accordance with this Approval, in the context of process performance and general principles of wastewater engineering only.

all in accordance with the submitted application and supporting documents listed in Schedule A forming part of this Approval.

For the purpose of this environmental compliance approval, the following definitions apply:

- 1. "Approval" means this environmental compliance approval and any schedules attached to it, and the application;
- 2. "BOD5" (also known as TBOD5) means five day biochemical oxygen demand measured in an unfiltered sample and includes carbonaceous and nitrogenous oxygen demands;
- 3. "Director" means a person appointed by the Minister pursuant to section 5 of the EPA for the purposes of Part II.1 of the EPA;
- 4. "District Manager" means the District Manager of the appropriate local district office of the Ministry where the Works are geographically located;
- 5. "EPA" means the *Environmental Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.19, as amended;
- 6. "Equivalent Equipment" means alternate piece(s) of equipment that meets the design requirements and performance specifications of the piece(s) of equipment to be substituted;
- 7. "Event" means an action or occurrence, at a given location within the Works that causes a Overflow. An Event ends when there is no recurrence of an Overflow in the 12-hour period following the last Overflow;
- 8. "Limited Operational Flexibility" (LOF) means the conditions that the Owner shall follow in order to undertake any modification that is pre-authorized as part of this Approval;
- 9. "Ministry" means the ministry of the government of Ontario responsible for the EPA and OWRA and includes all officials, employees or other persons acting on its behalf;
- 10. "Normal Operating Condition" means the condition when a pumping station is operating within its design capacity;
- 11. "Operating Agency" means the Owner or the entity that is authorized by the Owner for the management, operation, maintenance, or alteration of the Works in accordance with this Approval;
- 12. "Overflow" means a discharge of untreated sewage to the environment at designed locations from the Works;
- 13. "Owner" means Wiet Peeters Farm Products Ltd. and its successors and assignees;
- 14. "OWRA" means the *Ontario Water Resources Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.40, as amended;
- 15. "Professional Engineer" means a person entitled to practice as a Professional Engineer in the

Province of Ontario under a licence issued under the Professional Engineers Act;

- 16. "Proposed Works" means those portions of the Works included in the Approval that are under construction or to be constructed;
- 17. "Works" means the approved sewage works, and includes Proposed Works and modifications made under Limited Operational Flexibility.

You are hereby notified that this environmental compliance approval is issued to you subject to the terms and conditions outlined below:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1. The Owner shall ensure that any person authorized to carry out work on or operate any aspect of the Works is notified of this Approval and the terms and conditions herein and shall take all reasonable measures to ensure any such person complies with the same.
- 2. The Owner shall design, construct, operate and maintain the Works in accordance with the conditions of this Approval.
- 3. Where there is a conflict between a provision of any document referred to in this Approval and the conditions of this Approval, the conditions in this Approval shall take precedence.

2. CHANGE OF OWNER AND OPERATING AGENCY

- 1. The Owner shall notify the District Manager and the Director, in writing, of any of the following changes within thirty (30) days of the change occurring:
 - a. change of address of Owner;
 - b. change of Owner, including address of new owner;
 - c. change of partners where the Owner is or at any time becomes a partnership, and a copy of the most recent declaration filed under the *Business Names Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. B.17*, as amended, shall be included in the notification:
 - d. change of name of the corporation where the Owner is or at any time becomes a corporation, and a copy of the most current information filed under the *Corporations Information Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.39*, as amended, shall be included in the notification.
- 2. The Owner shall notify the District Manager, in writing, of any of the following changes within thirty (30) days of the change occurring:

- a. change of address of Operating Agency;
- b. change of Operating Agency, including address of new Operating Agency.
- 3. In the event of any change in ownership of the Works, the Owner shall notify the succeeding owner in writing, of the existence of this Approval, and forward a copy of the notice to the District Manager.
- 4. The Owner shall ensure that all communications made pursuant to this condition refer to the environmental compliance approval number.

3. CONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSED WORKS

- 1. All Proposed Works in this Approval shall be constructed and installed and must commence operation within five (5) years of issuance of this Approval, after which time the Approval ceases to apply in respect of any portions of the Works not in operation. In the event that the construction, installation and/or operation of any portion of the Proposed Works is anticipated to be delayed beyond the time period stipulated, the Owner shall submit to the Director an application to amend the Approval to extend this time period, at least six (6) months prior to the end of the period. The amendment application shall include the reason(s) for the delay and whether there is any design change(s).
- 2. Within thirty (30) days of commencement of construction, the Owner shall prepare and submit to the District Manager a schedule for the completion of construction and commissioning operation of the Proposed Works. The Owner shall notify the District Manager within thirty (30) days of the commissioning operation of any Proposed Works. Upon completion of construction of the Proposed Works, the Owner shall prepare and submit a statement to the District Manager, certified by a Professional Engineer, that the Proposed Works is constructed in accordance with this Approval.
- 3. Within one (1) year of completion of construction of the Proposed Works, a set of record drawings of the Works shall be prepared or updated. These drawings shall be kept up to date through revisions undertaken from time to time and a copy shall be readily accessible for reference at the Works.

4. OVERFLOWS

- 1. Any Overflow is prohibited, except:
 - a. an emergency Overflow in an emergency situation when a structural, mechanical or electrical failure causes a temporary reduction in the capacity of the Works or when an unforeseen flow condition exceeds the design capacity of the Works that is likely to result in personal injury, loss of life, health hazard, basement flooding, severe property damage, equipment damage if a portion of the flow is not overflowed;
 - b. a planned Overflow that is a direct and unavoidable result of a planned repair and

maintenance procedure or other circumstance(s), the Owner having notified the District Manager in writing at least fifteen (15) days prior to the occurrence of Overflow, including an estimated quantity and duration of the Overflow, an assessment of the impact on the environment and the mitigation measures if necessary, and the District Manager has given written consent of the Overflow;

- 2. Notwithstanding the exceptions given in Paragraph 1, the Operating Agency shall undertake everything practicable to maximize the flow through the downstream Sewage Works prior to overflowing.
- 3. At the beginning of an Overflow Event, the Owner shall immediately notify the Spills Action Centre (SAC) and the local Medical Officer of Health. This notice shall include, at a minimum, the following information:
 - a. the type of the Overflow as indicated in Paragraph 1 and the reason(s) for the Overflow;
 - b. the date and time of the beginning of the Overflow;
 - c. the point of the Overflow from the Works and the receiver.
 - d. the effort(s) done to maximize the flow through the downstream sanitary sewage system and the reason(s) why the Overflow was not avoided.
- 4. Upon confirmation of the end of an Overflow Event, the Owner shall immediately notify the Spills Action Centre (SAC) and the local Medical Officer of Health. This notice shall include, at a minimum, the following information:
 - a. the date and time of the end of the Overflow;
 - b. the estimated or measured volume of the Overflow.
- 5. For any Overflow Event at a sewage pumping station in the collection system, the Owner shall collect at least one (1) grab sample representative of the Overflow Event and have it analyzed for BOD5, total suspended solids, total phosphorus and total Kjeldahl nitrogen.
- 6. The Owner shall submit a summary report of the Overflow Event(s) to the District Manager on a quarterly basis, no later than each of the following dates for each calendar year: February 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15. The summary report shall contain, at a minimum, the types of information set out in Paragraphs (3), (4) and (5). If there is no Overflow Event during a quarter, a statement of no occurrence of Overflow is deemed sufficient.
- 7. The Owner shall develop a notification procedure in consultation with the District Manager and SAC and notify the public and downstream water users that may be adversely impacted by any Overflow Event.

5. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

- 1. The Owner shall ensure that, at all times, the Works and the related equipment and appurtenances used to achieve compliance with this Approval are properly operated and maintained. Proper operation and maintenance shall include effective performance, adequate funding, adequate staffing and training, including training in all procedures and other requirements of this Approval and the OWRA and regulations, adequate laboratory facilities, process controls and alarms and the use of process chemicals and other substances used in the Works.
- 2. The Owner shall prepare the operations manual for the Works within six (6) months of completion of construction of the Proposed Works, that includes, but not necessarily limited to, the following information:
 - a. operating procedures for the Works under Normal Operating Conditions;
 - b. inspection programs, including frequency of inspection, for the Works and the methods or tests employed to detect when maintenance is necessary;
 - c. repair and maintenance programs, including the frequency of repair and maintenance for the Works;
 - d. procedures for the inspection and calibration of monitoring equipment;
 - e. operating procedures for the Works to handle situations outside Normal Operating Conditions and emergency situations such as a structural, mechanical or electrical failure, or an unforeseen flow condition, including procedures to minimize Overflows;
 - f. a spill prevention and contingency plan, consisting of procedures and contingency plans, including notification to the District Manager, to reduce the risk of spills of pollutants and prevent, eliminate or ameliorate any adverse effects that result or may result from spills of pollutants;
 - g. procedures for receiving, responding and recording public complaints, including recording any followup actions taken.
- 3. The Owner shall maintain the operations manual up-to-date and make the manual readily accessible for reference at the Works.

6. MONITORING AND RECORDING

1. The methods and protocols for sampling, analysis and recording shall conform, in order of precedence, to the methods and protocols specified in the following documents and all analysis shall be conducted by an accredited laboratory or as directed by the District

Manager:

- a. the Ministry's Procedure F-10-1, "Procedures for Sampling and Analysis Requirements for Municipal and Private Sewage Treatment Works (Liquid Waste Streams Only), as amended;
- b. the Ministry's publication "Protocol for the Sampling and Analysis of Industrial/Municipal Wastewater Version 2.0" (January 2016), PIBS 2724e02, as amended;
- c. the publication "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater", as amended.

7. LIMITED OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY

- 1. The Owner may make pre-authorized modifications to the sewage pumping stations in Works in accordance with the document "Limited Operational Flexibility Protocol for Pre-Authorized Modifications to Sewage Works" Pumping Stations (Schedule B), as amended, subject to the following:
 - a. the scope and technical aspects of the modifications are in line with those delineated in Schedule B and conform with the Ministry's publication "Design Guidelines for Sewage Works 2008", as amended, Ministry's regulations, policies, guidelines, and industry engineering standards;
 - b. where the pre-authorized modification requires notification, a "Notice of Modifications to Sewage Works" (Schedule B), as amended shall be completed with declarations from a Professional Engineer and the Owner and retained on-site prior to the scheduled implementation date. All supporting information including technical memorandum, engineering plans and specifications, as applicable and appropriate to support the declarations that the modifications conform with LOF shall remain on-site for future inspection.
- 2. The following modifications are not pre-authorized under Limited Operational Flexibility:
 - a. Modifications that involve an increase in capacity of the pumping station;
 - b. Modifications that require changes to be made to the emergency response, spill prevention and contingency plan; or
 - c. Modifications that are required pursuant to an order issued by the Ministry.

8. REPORTING

1. The Owner shall, within fifteen (15) days of occurrence of a spill within the meaning of Part X of the EPA, submit a full written report of the occurrence to the District Manager describing the cause and discovery of the spill, clean-up and recovery measures taken,

preventative measures to be taken and schedule of implementation, in addition to fulfilling the requirements under the EPA and O. Reg. 675/98 "Classification and Exemption of Spills and Reporting of Discharges".

- 2. The Owner shall, upon request, make all manuals, plans, records, data, procedures and supporting documentation available to Ministry staff.
- 3. The Owner shall prepare performance reports on a calendar year basis and submit to the District Manager by March 31 of the calendar year following the period being reported upon. The reports shall contain, but shall not be limited to, the following information pertaining to the reporting period:
 - a. a summary of all operating issues encountered and corrective actions taken;
 - b. a summary of all normal and emergency repairs and maintenance activities carried out on any major structure, equipment, apparatus or mechanism forming part of the Works;
 - c. a summary of the calibration and maintenance carried out on all monitoring equipment;
 - d. a summary of any complaints received and any steps taken to address the complaints;
 - e. a summary of Overflows, other situations outside Normal Operating Conditions and spills within the meaning of Part X of EPA and abnormal discharge events;
 - f. a summary of all Notice of Modifications to Sewage Works completed under Paragraph 1.b. of Condition 7, including a report on status of implementation of all modifications.
 - g. a summary of efforts made to achieve conformance with Procedure F-5-1 including but not limited to projects undertaken and completed in the sanitary sewer system that result in overall Overflow elimination including expenditures and proposed projects to eliminate Overflows with estimated budget forecast for the year following that for which the report is submitted.
 - h. any changes or updates to the schedule for the completion of construction and commissioning operation of major process(es) / equipment groups in the Proposed Works.

9. RECORD KEEPING

1. The Owner shall retain for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of their creation, all records and information related to or resulting from the operation, maintenance and monitoring activities required by this Approval.

Schedule A

- 1. Application for a new Environmental Compliance Approval, dated March 12, 2021 and received on May 19, 2021, submitted by RC Spencer Associates Inc., on behalf of Wiet Peeters Farm Products Ltd., along with all other supporting information including submitted engineering drawings, and other supporting details, submitted by RC Spencer Associates Inc.
- 2. Design Brief-Sewage Pumping Station and Forcemain, dated December 22, 2020, for Peeters Mushroom Farm Expansion 2020 at 8260 Middle Line, Municipality of Chatham-Kent, prepared by RC Spencer Associates Inc.

Schedule B

Limited Operational Flexibility

Protocol for Pre-Authorized Modifications to Sewage Works - Pumping Station

1. General

- 1. Pre-authorized modifications are permitted only where Limited Operational Flexibility has already been granted in the Approval and only permitted to be made at the pumping stations in the Works, subject to the conditions of the Approval.
- 2. Where there is a conflict between the types and scope of pre-authorized modifications listed in this document, and the Approval where Limited Operational Flexibility has been granted, the Approval shall take precedence.
- 3. The Owner shall consult the District Manager on any proposed modifications that may fall within the scope and intention of the Limited Operational Flexibility but is not listed explicitly or included as an example in this document.
- 4. The Owner shall ensure that any pre-authorized modifications will not:
 - a. adversely affect the hydraulic profile of the sanitary sewage system;
 - b. result in new Overflow locations, or any potential increase in frequency or quantity of Overflow.
- 2. Modifications that do not require pre-authorization:
 - 1. Sewage works that are exempt from Ministry approval requirements;
 - 2. Modifications to the electrical system, instrumentation and control system.
- 3. Pre-authorized modifications that do not require preparation of "Notice of Modification to Sewage Works"
 - 1. Normal or emergency maintenance activities, such as repairs, renovations, refurbishments and replacements with Equivalent Equipment, or other improvements to an existing approved piece of equipment of a treatment process do not require pre-authorization. Examples of these activities are:
 - a. Repairing a piece of equipment and putting it back into operation, including replacement of minor components such as belts, gear boxes, seals, bearings;

- b. Repairing a piece of equipment by replacing a major component of the equipment such as motor, with the same make and model or another with the same or very close power rating but the capacity of the pump or blower will still be essentially the same as originally designed and approved;
- c. Replacing the entire piece of equipment with Equivalent Equipment.
- 2. Improvements to equipment efficiency or treatment do not require pre-authorization. Examples of these activities are:
 - a. Adding variable frequency drive to pumps;
 - b. Adding flow measurement or other control device.
- 4. Pre-Authorized Modifications that require preparation of "Notice of Modification to Sewage Works"
 - 1. Pumping Stations
 - a. Replacement, realignment of existing sewers including manholes, valves, gates, weirs and associated appurtenances provided that the modifications will not add new influent source(s) or result in an increase in flow from existing sources as originally approved.
 - b. Extension or partition of wetwell to increase retention time for emergency response and improve station maintenance and pump operation;
 - c. Replacement or installation of inlet screens to the wetwell;
 - d. Replacement or installation of flowmeters, construction of station bypass;
 - e. Replacement, reconfiguration or addition of pumps and modifications to pump suctions and discharge pipings provided that the modifications will not result in a reduction in the firm pumping capacity or discharge head or an increase in the peak pumping rate of the pumping station as originally designed;
 - f. Replacement, realignment of existing forcemain(s) including valves, gates, and associated appurtenances provided that the modifications will not reduce the flow capacity or increase the total dynamic head and transient in the forcemain.
 - 2. Chemical Systems in Pumping Stations
 - a. Replacement and relocation of chemical storage tanks for existing chemical systems only, provided that the tanks are sited with effective spill containment;
 - b. Replacement of existing chemical dosing pumps provided that the modifications will not result in a reduction in the firm capacity that the dosing pumps are originally designed to

handle.

c. Use of an alternate chemical provided that it is a non-proprietary product and is a commonly used alternative to the chemical approved in the Works, provided that the existing chemical storage tanks, chemical dosing pumps, feed pipes and controls are also upgraded, as necessary.

3. Standby Power System

a. Replacement or installation of standby power system, including feed from alternate power grid, emergency power generator, fuel supply and storage systems, provided that the existing standby power generation capacity is not reduced.

This page contains an image of the form entitled "Notice of Modification to Sewage Works". A digital copy can be obtained from the District Manager.



Notice of Modification to Sewage Works

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The reasons for the imposition of these terms and conditions are as follows:

- 1. Condition # 1 regarding general provisions is imposed to ensure that the Works are constructed and operated in the manner in which they were described and upon which approval was granted.
- 2. Condition # 2 regarding change of Owner and Operating Agency is included to ensure that the Ministry records are kept accurate and current with respect to ownership and Operating Agency of the Works and to ensure that subsequent owners of the Works are made aware of the Approval and continue to operate the Works in compliance with it.
- 3. Condition # 3 regarding construction of Proposed Works is included to ensure that the Works are constructed in a timely manner so that standards applicable at the time of Approval of the Works are still applicable at the time of construction to ensure the ongoing protection of the environment, and that prior to the commencement of construction of the portion of the Works that are approved in principle only, the Director will have the opportunity to review detailed design drawings, specifications and an engineer's report containing detailed design calculations for that portion of the Works, to determine capability to comply with the Ministry's requirements stipulated in the terms and conditions of the Approval, and also ensure that the Works are constructed in accordance with the Approval and that record drawings of the Works "as constructed" are updated and maintained for future references.
- 4. Condition # 4 regarding Overflows is included to indicate that Overflow of untreated or partially treated sewage to the receiver is prohibited, except in circumstances where the failure to Overflow could result in greater damage to the environment than the Overflow itself. The notification and documentation requirements allow the Ministry to take action in an informed manner and will ensure the Owner is aware of the extent and frequency of Overflow Events.
- 5. Condition # 5 regarding operation and maintenance is included to require that the Works be properly operated, maintained, funded, staffed and equipped such that the environment is protected and deterioration, loss, injury or damage to any person or property is prevented. As well, the inclusion of a comprehensive operations manual governing all significant areas of operation, maintenance and repair is prepared, implemented and kept up-to-date by the Owner. Such a manual is an integral part of the operation of the Works. Its compilation and use should assist the Owner in staff training, in proper plant operation and in identifying and planning for contingencies during possible abnormal conditions. The manual will also act as a benchmark for Ministry staff when reviewing the Owner's operation of the Works.
- 6. Condition # 6 regarding monitoring and recording is included to enable the Owner to evaluate and demonstrate the performance of the Works, on a continual basis, so that the Works are properly operated and maintained.
- 7. Condition # 7 regarding Limited Operational Flexibility is included to ensure that the Works are constructed, maintained and operated in accordance with the Approval, and that any pre-approved modification will not negatively impact on the performance of the Works.

- 8. Condition # 8 regarding reporting is included to provide a performance record for future references, to ensure that the Ministry is made aware of problems as they arise, and to provide a compliance record for this Approval.
- 9. Condition # 9 regarding record keeping is included to require that all records are required for a sufficient time period to adequately evaluate the long-term operation and maintenance of the Works.

In accordance with Section 139 of the Environmental Protection Act, you may by written Notice served upon me, the Environmental Review Tribunal and in accordance with Section 47 of the Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, within 15 days after receipt of this Notice, require a hearing by the Tribunal. The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks will place notice of your appeal on the Environmental Registry. Section 142 of the Environmental Protection Act provides that the Notice requiring the hearing shall state:

- a. The portions of the environmental compliance approval or each term or condition in the environmental compliance approval in respect of which the hearing is required, and;
- b. The grounds on which you intend to rely at the hearing in relation to each portion appealed.

The Notice should also include:

- 1. The name of the appellant;
- 2. The address of the appellant;
- 3. The environmental compliance approval number;
- 4. The date of the environmental compliance approval;
- 5. The name of the Director, and;
- 6. The municipality or municipalities within which the project is to be engaged in.

And the Notice should be signed and dated by the appellant.

This Notice must be served upon:

The Secretary*
Environmental Review Tribunal
655 Bay Street, Suite 1500 AND
Toronto, Ontario
M5G 1E5

The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 777 Bay Street, 5th Floor Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

AND

The Director appointed for the purposes of Part II.1 of the Environmental Protection Act Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P5

* Further information on the Environmental Review Tribunal's requirements for an appeal can be obtained directly from the Tribunal at: Tel: (416) 212-6349, Fax: (416) 326-5370 or www.ert.gov.on.ca

This instrument is subject to Section 38 of the Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993, that allows residents of Ontario to seek leave to appeal the decision on this instrument. Residents of Ontario may seek leave to appeal within 15 days from the date this decision is placed on the Environmental Registry. By accessing the Environmental Registry at https://ero.ontario.ca/, you can determine when the leave to appeal period ends.

The above noted activity is approved under s.20.3 of Part II.1 of the Environmental Protection Act.



Fariha Pannu, P.Eng.
Director
appointed for the purposes of Part II.1 of the
Environmental Protection Act

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c: Area Manager, MECP Windsor

c: District Manager, MECP Sarnia

Stephen Jahns, RC Spencer Associates Inc.