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# ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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## Water Quality Complaint Inspection Report

<b>Facility Name:</b> Copperstate Farms	<b>Complaint No:</b> 15176
<b>Physical Location:</b> 650 N Industrial Drive <b>City, State, Zip:</b> Snowflake, AZ 85927	<b>Inspection No.:</b> 304985
<b>County:</b> Navajo	<b>Arrival Date and Time:</b> 7/11/2018 10:00 AM
<b>Mailing Address:</b> 650 N Industrial Dr. <b>City, State, Zip:</b> Snowflake, AZ 85297	<b>Inspector(s):</b> Isa Valdez and J. Bricker
<b>Coordinates (for new locations):</b> N/A Latitude: Deg.: Min.: Sec.: Longitude: Deg.: Min.: Sec.:	<b>Inspector Phone:</b> 602-771-2302 <b>Inspector Email:</b> valdez.isa@azdeq.gov
<b>Owner/Responsible Party:</b> Copperstate Farms Management, LLC	<b>Was Inspection Announced?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Onsite Contact Person(s)/Facility Operator(s):</b> Barbara Hansen, Quality Assurance & Safety Manager	<b>Weather:</b> Sunny
<b>Nearest Receiving Water, if applicable (indicate distance):</b> Silver Creek	
<b>Inspection Report Issued:</b> Via email from ADEQ office	<b>Facility Initial:</b> <i>BSA</i> <b>ADEQ Initial:</b> <i>J.V.</i>
<b>Results of Inspection:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No deficiencies were noted during the course of the inspection. No ADEQ action will result from this inspection. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Potential deficiencies were noted during the course of the inspection. Additional correspondence regarding this inspection may be forthcoming.</i>	
<b>Comments:</b> See Below.	
<b>Attachments:</b> Attachment A – Notice of Inspection Rights Attachment B – Photograph Log	
<b>PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN DURING INSPECTIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST</b>	

<b>Description of the Complaint</b>	<p>ADEQ received a complaint on July 3rd, 2018 via website. The complaint description described acid being disposed in facility's retention basin.</p>
<b>Observations:</b>	<p>At the time of inspection, Copperstate Farms (CSF) staff present was: David Howard (via phone), Risk Management specialist; On-Site: Jeremir Steely, Facilities Director; Richard Boors, Maintenance Supervisor; Barbara Hansen, Quality Assurance and Safety Manager; and Cecilia Larsen, Security Manager.</p> <p>CSF staff stated a small spill of the chemical Strip It occurred on June 6, 2018. Barbara Hansen stated the spill was reported to her department and corrective actions were taken, according to standard procedures. The cleanup consisted of floor washing activities and discharge into the collection system at the fertilizer room. Copperstate Farms staff explained that all wastewater generated, used in operations like irrigation and collection is part of a close loop system, no discharges exist.</p> <p>At the time of inspection, ADEQ examined the fertilizer room. Wastewater generated in the room is send to a tank located inside an underground secondary containment. A drain was observed in the underground containment, standing liquid was observed inside the secondary containment, around the drain. Jeremir Stekli commented that this liquid is product of normal floor washing activities with chemicals. He stated that is unknown where the drain discharges.</p> <p>ADEQ observed the stormwater retention pond, mentioned in the complaint. At the time of inspection a 55 gallon was observed inside the retention basin. The drum was labeled "Waste Diesel".</p>
<b>Comments and Potential Deficiencies:</b>	<p>At the time of the inspection it was not determined if wastewater has the potential to discharge through the drain observed at the underground secondary containment.</p> <p>ADEQ requests that CSF determine if interconnection exist between the "close loop" and stormwater drainage and investigate where the observed drain discharges to.</p> <p>Copperstate Farms agreed to provide documentation to demonstrate the wastewater process of the facility is closed loop system and potential discharges does not exist. Additionally, ADEQ recommends to describe the used chemicals disposal method and SOPs.</p>