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Massive Discharge of Purple Contaminants from MegaDairy

Tributary to South Fork of Apple River Dyed Purple by Unknown Contaminants at Megadairy

Warren, IL - On Friday morning, October 1, concerned citizens living close to the megadairy near Nora, IL noticed that the previously clear tributary to the Apple River was suddenly dark purple.

Representatives of both the Illinois EPA and the US EPA, as well as the Jo Daviess Sheriff's department and the Jo Daviess Hazmat team arrived on site to evaluate the contaminates flooding into the stream.

Believed to be due to an overflowing silage leachate pond, EPA officials ordered representatives of AJ Bos, the California millionaire owner, to build a berm to contain the effluent in the inadequately sized leachate pond, and also demanded that he capture the pollutants that have already run off site.

To contain the spill, another berm was hastily constructed downstream on land adjacent to Mammoser Road to dam up the tributary. Efforts are still underway to pump the contents of the purple pond into tanker trucks which are rushing to knife it into recently harvested corn fields.

"Everyone keeps asking why the water is the color of Barney," stated Matthew Alschuler, press agent for HOMES, "but none of the local farmers or engineers we've consulted with can explain. They don't know of any naturally occurring compounds that would turn leachate the color of Kool-Aid."

A similar discharge occurred on August 26th, although the water wasn't nearly as discolored. This is at least the 3rd direct discharge from the unfinished and unpopulated megadairy, which promised to be "zero discharge" during public hearings, court cases, and all of their responses to the US EPA.

The facility is still awaiting a 401 permit from the Illinois EPA to build one of their 14 acre manure ponds over a tributary to the Apple River. On July 30th they told the US EPA that they were refusing to complete a discharge permit requested by the federal agency since the facility wasn't designed to discharge. The US EPA hasn't yet responded to this latest letter.

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