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Answer to proposed penalty complaint

Farmers New Holland denies all of the pending fines and penalties being proposed for the following reasons.

The employee who was in charge of this program left our employment without notice and did not leave any of the paperwork showing us what was required of us to stay in compliance for our injection well permit. We do not know if he took the information with him or destroyed it. New hires were not even aware that such system existed, therefore they did not know the requirements either.

We believe that the EPA has been remiss in not notifying us that we had fallen out of compliance until 3 years had passed. I would think that after one year of not receiving reports from us that it would be sufficient time for the EPA to visit, send a letter, or call and ask what the status of our well is.

Since receiving the proposed penalty complaint we have asked and been informed that it is our responsibility to do semi-annual water samples and have the results sent to the EPA. We have taken a new water sample since this complaint was delivered to us and have the results here. I will be forwarding the results to the EPA under separate cover.

We would like to request a hearing on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mike Trahern

president



