



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 7**

11201 Renner Boulevard  
Lenexa, Kansas 66219

29 JAN 2020

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Article No.: 7014 1200 0000 6119 4417

Mr. Tom Robinson  
34819 Highway 212  
Lame Deer, Montana 59043

Re: Request for Information

Dear Mr. Robinson:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is investigating the land application of biosolids that occurred on property located on Highway 212 in Rosebud County, Montana.

On November 19, 2019, you received a letter from the EPA requesting information about the land application on your property. Your response was due December 3, 2019. To date, the EPA has not received the requested information. Section 308(a) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C § 1318(a), and Section 3007(a) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6927(a), authorize the EPA to require the submission of information necessary to determine whether a person is in compliance with the statutes. **Your response is mandatory.** These statutes allow EPA to seek civil penalties for failing to respond to this information request and criminal penalties for knowingly making a false statement.

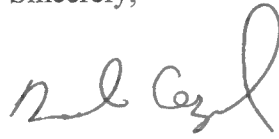
Under the authorities of Section 308(a) of the CWA and 3007(a) of RCRA, the EPA hereby requires you to complete to the enclosed worksheet and return **within seven (7) days of receipt of this letter.**

This Request for Information is being sent by the EPA's Biosolids Center located in EPA Region 7, Lenexa, Kansas. Please send the requested information to:

**Biosolids Center  
ATTN: Erin Kleffner  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division  
11201 Renner Boulevard  
Lenexa, Kansas 66219**

If you have any questions regarding this Request for Information, please contact Erin Kleffner in the EPA's Biosolids Center at (913) 551-7921, or by e-mail to [Kleffner.erin@epa.gov](mailto:Kleffner.erin@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David Cozad". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Cozad" clearly distinguishable.

David Cozad  
Director  
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

Enclosure

cc via email: Akash Johnson, EPA Region 8  
James Courtney, IHS

**INFORMATION REQUEST RESPONSE FORM**

1. Identify the person or persons who applied sludge-related materials from the Lame Deer Lagoon to your land or land that you lease from the tribe, located in or near Lame Deer, Montana on or about August 22, 2018.
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2. Did you help apply (for example: spread, till, and/or inject) the sludge-related material transported to your land or land that you lease from the tribe on or about August 22, 2018, from the Lame Deer Lagoon?

Please circle the appropriate response:

NO

YES

If yes, please describe your role:

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3. Provide the number of acres sludge-related material was applied to your land or land that you lease from the tribe on or about August 22, 2018:
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4. Were you given any information about the agronomic rate of land application (i.e. the amount of sludge per acre) or the pollutants contained in the sludge that was land applied on or about August 22, 2018?

Please circle the appropriate response:

NO

YES

If yes, please give the agronomic rate of land application or provide the documents you received:

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**STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION: PLEASE SIGN**

I certify under penalty of law that this statement is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information or statements, including the possibility of fine or imprisonment for knowing violations.

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Signature

Date

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Printed Name