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October 20, 2022

Mayer Hirsch, President
Kiryas Joel Poultry Processing Plant
7 Dinev Court
Kiryas Joel, NY 10950

Notice of Violation

RE: Kiryas Joel Poultry Plant
Village of Kiryas Joel
SPDES Multi Sector General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Industrial Activity,
GP-0-17-004, Notice of Intent #NYR00E993

Dear Mr. Hirsch:

On September 20, 2022 the department responded to a complaint of poultry plant waste overflowing at the plant's pretreatment facility. DEC staff met with Yoel Kohn of the poultry processing plant.

At the time of the inspection, there was evidence that poultry plant waste overflowed from a wet well and reached a village catch basin. This catch basin discharges to the tributary of the Ramapo River that is located behind the DPW garage. Poultry plant waste was present in the receiving water at the time of the inspection. This is a violation of GP-0-17-004, 6 NYCRR 703.2 and Article 17 of the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL). Violations of the ECL are subject to fines up to \$37,500 per violation per day. It is our understanding that this overflow occurred due to operator error: pumps were not re-set after a power outage. Appropriate procedures should be in place to prevent this from occurring in the future.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 914-803-8163.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Natalie Browne".

Natalie Browne

Environmental Program Specialist

cc: Murray Lantner, P.E., USEPA
Yoel Kohn, KJ Poultry
Gedalye Szegadin, Village Manager, Village of Kiryas Joel
Al Fusco, P.E., Engineer for the Village of Kiryas Joel