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Environmental Quality to hold Nov. 19 public hearing on Blackhawk Farms draft permit

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing Thursday, Nov. 19, from 5 to 8 p.m. CST at the Barnes County Courthouse, 230 4th St. NW, Valley City, regarding a draft state animal feeding operation permit for Blackhawk Farms.

The permit application is for a proposed swine facility approximately 14 miles north and seven miles east of Valley City. The permit application indicates the facility would have a maximum of 8,461 head of swine, equivalent to 3,161 animal units.

The hearing will provide an opportunity for interested members of the public to offer oral or written comments on the draft permit. The public notice and related permit documents are available on Environmental Quality's public notice page.

The department will consider requests for reasonable accommodations, including accessible meeting arrangements. Language interpretation and written translation services are available free of charge. Requests should be made as soon as possible, ideally at least five business days before the hearing, by contacting the Nondiscrimination Coordinator at 701-328-5150 or deqEJ@nd.gov. TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

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