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Environmental Quality extends Blackhawk Farms public comment deadline to Dec. 4

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality has extended the public comment period for the draft state animal feeding operation permit for Blackhawk Farms in Barnes County.

The comment period, originally scheduled to close Nov. 30, has been extended through Friday, Dec. 4, 2026, to allow additional time for public input.

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

The previously announced public hearing will still take place Thursday, Nov. 19, from 5 to 8 p.m. CST at the Barnes County Courthouse, 230 4th St. NW, Valley City.

The public notice, draft permit and information on submitting comments are available on Environmental Quality's public notices webpage.

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