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**Subject:** EPR/FP3624SS/A001 We Need More Information About Your Application CRM:0270022  
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[Example application form - broiler farm - Jan 2012.pdf](#)

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Dear Steve,

## **Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016**

**Application reference: EPR/FP3624SS/A001**

**Operator: Mr Jonathan Thompstone, Mrs Julia Thompstone, Mr FrankThompstone and Mrs Eniko Thompstone**

**Facility: Anslow Farm, Anslow Business Park, Main Road, Anslow, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE13 9QX**

I need to ask you for some missing information before I can duly make your application. Please provide us with more information to the following questions:

1. **Part B3.5 application forms** - you were asked by our permitting support team for an additional declaration for Eniko Thompstone in section 14 of application form B3.5, and it was also highlighted that there was wrong information on pages 7 and 26, so we received a second B3.5 for this from you. However, the original B3.5 with Jonathan, Frank and Julia Thompstone's declarations still has the wrong info on pages 7 and 26. In addition in sections 8k, 8l and 8m for both forms received you have ticked that manure is not spread to either own or third party land and no description of its destination has been provided for its disposal (the non-technical summary states it is sold, the technical standards states it is sold and has the contingency to spread on 3<sup>rd</sup> party land if required. Please provide a revised part 3.5 application form with additional declaration page or two B3.5 forms, whichever is easier), correcting these issues and ensuring all 4 partners have completed the declaration section.
2. **Biomass boiler** – the screening guidance currently on our website for biomass boilers [Intensive farming risk assessment for your environmental permit - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) includes the requirement for the biomass boiler appliance and its installation to be eligible for the [Renewable Heat Incentive](#). However the RHI scheme is closed to new applicants. This needs to be updated on our website, but until then please provide confirmation that the biomass boiler is eligible for the RHI scheme (via evidence such as manufacturer details confirming this) or confirmation that it can meet the following concentrations: Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) concentration at 273 K, dry and 6% oxygen is 250 mg/Nm<sup>3</sup> or lower and PM10 concentration at 273 K, dry and 6% oxygen is 70 mg/N m<sup>3</sup> or lower (ideally from the manufacturer specifications).
3. **Dirty water** – please confirm where this goes to once exported from the installation e.g. spread on land owned/controlled by the operator and/or third parties.
4. **Clean drainage** – roof water and uncontaminated yard water drain via French drains, to an unlined

attenuation pond to the southwest of the installation boundary, with an outlet from the pond to a ditch named Stephenson's Mere Drain (as mentioned in the fugitive emissions risk assessment submitted with the application). Please confirm where this ultimately drains to, e.g. the River Trent or another named river.

5. **H1 risk assessment** - you are required to provide a risk assessment covering the following topics: odour, noise, fugitive emissions and accidents. However you have not provided a risk assessment covering accidents with your submission, which we require. Please see the example Appendix 11 H1 Risk Assessment Table A4 on pages 64 – 65 of the attached example broiler application guidance at the following link, but also include consideration of fires, firewater containment and flooding. *In the document 'H1Assessment' submitted with the application it lists the accident/emergency plan, however this is not considered to be a complete risk assessment, which should list the potential hazards, pathway and receptor and assesses the probability, consequences and overall risk. Please note, the example broiler application document attached is not up to date but can be used as reference for the H1 accident risk assessment only, and should also consider fires, firewater containment and flooding as mentioned above.*
  
6. **Gable end fans** - please confirm if there are any gable end fans on either of the poultry houses and if so, where they are and when they are used ( e.g. infrequently during times of warm weather for temperature control). In addition, if there are gable end fans, please provide further detail on what measures are in place when the gable end fans are in use, to prevent build-up of dust in the areas outside the poultry houses, including the method of sweeping the concrete apron and information on the construction of dust screens if in place.

**Please reply directly to this email with your information and copy in [kate.cummins@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:kate.cummins@environment-agency.gov.uk).**

Please send the information within 10 working days of this letter (deadline 26/04/24).

If we do not receive the information within 10 working days we will return your application.

If we do receive the requested information within 10 working days, we'll continue to check your application. We'll check to see if there's enough information for the application to be 'duly made'. Duly made means that we have all the information we need to begin determination. Determination is where we assess your application and decide if we can allow what you've asked for.

We'll let you know by letter whether your application can be duly made. If it can't be duly made, we'll return your application to you.

If we do have to return your application we'll send you a partial refund of your application payment. We'll retain 20% of the application charge to cover our costs in reviewing your application and requesting information. This maximum amount we'll retain is capped at £1,500. Further information on charging can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permits-and-abstraction-licences-tables-of-charges>

If you have any questions please phone or email me (details below).

Yours sincerely,

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