Message

From: Larsen, Brent [Larsen.Brent@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/10/2021 2:29:07 PM
To: Gee, Randy [Gee.Randy@epa.gov]
CC: Nguyen, Tung [Nguyen.Tung@epa.gov]; Nguyen, Quang [Nguyen.Quang@epa.gov]; Martinez, Maria [Martinez.Maria@epa.gov]; Hill, Troy [Hill.Troy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Meat Packing Plant in Muscogee Creek Nation

Randy:

Thanks for confirmation on no discharge from Muskogee Meat packing plant. No NPDES permit needed.

RE: heads up on possible other pants coming for other tribes, Any other plants that will have a WOTUS discharge will need NPDES permits and will have to go through NEPA unless go to state waters first and get ODEQ permit.

Sincerely,

Brent Larsen
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From: Gee, Randy <Gee.Randy@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 7:37 AM
To: Larsen, Brent <Larsen.Brent@epa.gov>
Cc: Nguyen, Tung <Nguyen.Tung@epa.gov>; Nguyen, Quang <Nguyen.Quang@epa.gov>
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One more note-with the CARES Act funding last March there are a number of planned meat processing plants at OK Tribal Nations (Creek, Choctaw, Osage, Cherokee to name a few).

Randy

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FYI- news story from tribal media

https://www.mvskokemedia.com/2020/11/05/meat-processing-plant-breaks-ground-on-mcn-reservation/

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Good morning Brent- My understanding is total retention.

FYI-There is a nearby casino with total retention lagoons.

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Randy, you know if Muskogee meat packing plant has WOTUS discharge or is total retention?

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If total retention or irrigation disposal or hooked to POTW so no discharge to WOTUS no NPDES permit needed.

If discharge, Meat packing has ELGs at 40 CFR 432 that all appear to have NSPS that would trigger NEPA

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Brent and Maria,

Do we have a role? Based on the description not sure there is a discharge.

From: Gee, Randy <Gee.Randy@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2021 4:12 PM
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Received an inquiry from ODEQ this afternoon.

Randy

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** John Hammons <Trevor.Hammons@deq.ok.gov>
> **Date:** March 9, 2021 at 3:54:46 PM CST
> **To:** "Gee, Randy" <Gee.Randy@epa.gov>, "Vaughn, Gloria" <Vaughn.Gloria@epa.gov>, Jennifer Boyle <Jennifer.Boyle@deq.ok.gov>, April Eberle <April.Eberle@deq.ok.gov>
> **Subject: Meat Packing Plant in Muscogee Creek Nation**
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> Greetings,
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> We have a new meat packing plant in the Muscogee Nation that is on Trust land. They did not get any permits from us (that I am aware of) and will have industrial impoundments. To whom do we need to refer this to at EPA for permitting/possible enforcement(Someone in Water?)? We have an environmental law group making inquiries and concerned neighbors. Any guidance you could give as to whom to contact would be great.
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> Thanks,
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> Trevor
>
> J.Trevor Hammons

Supervising Attorney

Environmental Compliants and Local Services