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September 12, 2024

Sent Via Regular Mail

Ms. Jaclyn Mays, Director Environmental Compliance & Services
Perdue AgriBusiness
6906 Zion Church Road
Salisbury, Maryland 21804

RE: PFAS Source Designation
Perdue AgriBusiness Facility
6906 Zion Church Road
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland 21804

Dear Ms. Mays,

The Land Management Administration of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is contacting you in your capacity as the environmental compliance representative for the Perdue AgriBusiness (“Perdue”) facility (“the Site”) located at 6906 Zion Church Road, in Salisbury, Maryland. The LMA has reviewed the September 2024 Earth Data, Inc. report entitled *Results of Temporary PFAS Monitoring Well Installation and Testing at Perdue AgriBusiness (PAB) Salisbury, Maryland, Quarterly Report 1*, which identified the presence of certain per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the groundwater at the western edge of the Site at concentrations exceeding the recently promulgated United State Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) maximum contaminant levels. Well and surface water sampling data collected by MDE in areas west of the Site have identified similar contamination suggestive of a regional PFAS contamination plume traceable to the Site.

This letter serves to notify you that, based on the evidence, MDE is designating Perdue as a responsible person (as defined by Section 7-201 of the Environment Article) liable for this contamination and request Perdue to take immediate action to investigate the nature and extent of the PFAS contamination in the wells serving the surrounding residential communities. To this end, please inform us in writing within 10 business days of the date of this letter (September 26, 2024) of your intention to proceed with this work in a time-sensitive manner and according to an MDE-approved plan.

Please note that MDE will be cost recovering for expenses pertaining to regulatory oversight activities in this matter. Financial hardship resulting in an inability to pay for the required investigation and/or remediation activities must be verified via submission of requested documentation to our counsel. In the event that Perdue is unwilling or unable to comply with

these procedures, MDE can perform its own investigation and seek cost recovery from Perdue. If we determine that Perdue will not properly complete the necessary investigation activities we designate, MDE will do so and initiate legal action to obtain reimbursement pursuant to applicable provisions of Section 7-201 et. seq., Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Please contact me (410-537-3381; tyler.abbott@maryland.gov) have any questions or would like to discuss and define sampling objectives prior to the end of the ten-day response period.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tyler Abbott", written over a horizontal line.

Tyler Abbott, Director
Land and Materials Administration

cc: Mr. Lee Currey, Director, Water and Science Administration
Ms. Barbara Krupiarz, Administrator, Land Restoration Program
Mr. Herb Frerichs, General Counsel, Perdue Farms