



APPROVAL OF REGISTRATION
GENERAL PERMIT FOR THE DISCHARGE OF WASTEWATERS FROM
CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS (CAFO)

ISSUED TO: Graywall Farms, LLC

Permittee Address:

Mr. Lincoln Chesmer, Owner
Graywall Farms, LLC
49 Chappell Road
Lebanon, CT 06249

Location Address:

49 Chappell Road
Lebanon, CT 06249

Application No.: 202406963

Permit No.: CTCAFO007

Permit Expiration Date: December 31, 2027

In accordance with Section 22a-430b of the Connecticut General Statutes (“CGS”) as amended, the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (“Commissioner”) hereby approves a Registration filed by Graywall Farms, LLC (“Permittee”), in accordance with Section 4(g) of the *General Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations*, issued on January 1, 2023 (“CAFO GP”). This Approval of Registration is based upon Application No. 202406963, received on June 4, 2024, addendums to the application, received on March 14, 2025, and July 18, 2025, and the administrative record established in the processing of such application.

The Permittee is considered a Large CAFO due to the size of their operation having the qualified number of animals as defined under 40 CFR 122.23.

The wastewater shall be managed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the CAFO GP and the following conditions:

- (A) **Definitions.** The definitions of the terms used in this Approval of Registration to discharge under the CAFO GP shall be the same as the definitions as described in Section 2 of the CAFO GP, Section 22a-423 of the CGS and Section 22a-430-3(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (“RCSA”).
- (B) **Sampling Requirements.** All manure and soil samples shall be collected in compliance with Section 5(f) of the CAFO GP and the Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan.
- (C) **Effluent limitations and monitoring requirements.** Large CAFOs must comply with the best management practices, effluent limitations, and additional measures set forth in 40 CFR 412.
- (D) **Reporting Requirements.** An Annual Report must be submitted as required by Section 5(d) of

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the CAFO GP.

- (E) **Submission of documents.** Any document required to be submitted to the Commissioner under this section of the Approval shall, unless otherwise specified in writing by the Commissioner, be directed to:

Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance
Water Permitting and Enforcement Division
CAFO.Coordinator@ct.gov
With the subject line: "Attn: Approval of Registration No. CTCAFO007"

This Approval of Registration is hereby issued on **[date]**.

Audra Dickson
Director
Water Permitting and Enforcement Division
Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance

CC: Lilly Molina, DEEP/WPED, lilly.molina@ct.gov
Carleen Moody, DEEP/WPED, carleen.moody@ct.gov



NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DETERMINATION INTENT TO APPROVE GENERAL PERMIT COVERAGE FOR DISCHARGES INTO THE WATERS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

1.0 TENTATIVE DETERMINATION

The Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (“DEEP”) hereby gives notice of a tentative determination to approve permit coverage under the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (“CAFO”) General Permit (“CAFO General Permit”) based on an application and administrative record submitted by Graywall Farms, LLC (“the applicant”) authorizing a discharge into the waters of the State under section 22a-430 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

On January 1, 2023, the state of Connecticut issued a CAFO General Permit providing a simplified permitting process for eligible facilities.

In accordance with applicable federal and state law, the Commissioner has made a tentative determination that the registration and Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (“CNMP”) meet the eligibility criteria of the CAFO General Permit and will protect the surface waters of the State from pollution.

The Commissioner will require that all wastewaters be treated to meet the applicable effluent limitations and permit conditions and periodic monitoring to demonstrate that the discharge will not cause pollution.

2.0 APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL

Applicant Name: Graywall Farms, LLC

Applicant Address: 49 Chappell Road, Lebanon, CT, 06249

The activity takes place at: 49 Chappell Road, Lebanon, CT, 06249

3.0 REGULATORY CONDITIONS

3.1 Type of Treatment

The CNMP covers the land application of approximately 9.594 million gallons of liquid manure and 310,897 cubic feet of solid manure annually. Approximately 1.2 million gallons of manure will be exported from the farm annually.

The manure from the barns at the Home Farm is directed to a solids separation unit where liquid manure is directed to either the 1.4 million gallon Milkers Slurrystore Tank or the 1.2 million gallon Milkers Lagoon. The separated solids are directed to the covered storage building and used as bedding in the barns.

There are an additional five (5) manure storage structures at various farm satellite fields.

3.2 Effluent Limits

This CNMP contains site specific nonnumeric best practicable control technology developed to ensure the facility is properly operated, will comply with the permit terms and conditions, and protect surface waters of the state consistent with section 22a-430 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (“RCSA”).

4.0 COMMISSIONER'S AUTHORITY

The Commissioner is authorized to approve or deny such applications pursuant to section 22a-430 of the Connecticut General Statutes and section 22a-430-3 and 4 of the Water Discharge Permit Regulations.

5.0 INFORMATION REQUESTS

Please use the following application and permit numbers when corresponding with this office regarding this action.

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The application is available for inspection by contacting the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127 from 8:30 to 4:30, Monday through Friday or sending a request to the CAFO Coordinator at cafo.coordinator@ct.gov.

Any interested person may request in writing that his or her name be put on a mailing list to receive notice of intent to issue any permit to discharge to the surface waters of the state. Such request may be for the entire state or any geographic area of the state and shall clearly state in writing the name and mailing address of the interested person and the area for which notices are requested.

6.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Prior to making a final decision to approve or deny any application, the Commissioner shall consider written comments on the application from interested persons that are received within thirty (30) days of this public notice. Written comments should be directed to the CAFO Coordinator, Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127 or cafo.coordinator@ct.gov. The Commissioner may hold a public hearing prior to approving or denying an application if in the Commissioner's discretion the public interest will be best served thereby and shall hold a hearing upon receipt of a petition signed by at least twenty-five persons. Notice of any public hearing shall be published at least thirty (30) days prior to the hearing.

7.0 PETITIONS FOR HEARING

The Commissioner may conduct a public hearing if the Commissioner determines that the public interest will be best served thereby. Upon receipt of a petition, the Commissioner shall take action as required by relevant laws, including Public Act 25-84, which was effective upon passage in June 2025. Petitions should include the name of the general permit noted above and also identify a contact person to receive notifications. Petitions may also identify a person who is authorized to

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engage in discussions regarding the proposed general permit and, if resolution is reached, withdraw the petition. Original signed petitions may be scanned and sent electronically to deep.adjudications@ct.gov or may be mailed or delivered to: DEEP Office of Adjudications, 79 Elm Street, 3rd floor, Hartford, CT 06106-5127. All petitions must be received within the comment period noted above. If submitted electronically, original signed petitions must also be mailed or delivered to the address above within ten days of electronic submittal. If a hearing is held, timely notice of such hearing will be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer that is committed to complying with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you are seeking a communication aid or service, have limited proficiency in English, wish to file an ADA or Title VI discrimination complaint, or require some other accommodation, including equipment to facilitate virtual participation, please contact the DEEP Office of Diversity and Equity at 860-418-5910 or by email at deep.accommodations@ct.gov. Any person needing accommodation for hearing impairment may call the State of Connecticut relay number - 711. In order to facilitate efforts to provide accommodation, please request all accommodations as soon as possible following notice of any agency hearing, meeting, program, or event.



Audra Dickson
Director
Water Permitting and Enforcement Division
Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance

Date: November 4, 2025