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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
CHRIS WELLS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

August 11, 2026

CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED #7019 1120 0000 4785 7299

Mr. Terry Emerson
Prestage Farms Mississippi Inc.
PO Box 1425
West Point, Mississippi 38773

**Re: Prestage Farms Mississippi Inc, Hi Lo Farm
Agreed Order No. 7740 26**

Dear Mr. Emerson:

Enclosed you will find a copy of Agreed Order No. 7740 26, which has been executed by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Chris Wells, on behalf of the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality.

The enclosed Order assesses a civil penalty. The penalty payment, when due, should be made by check payable to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and returned in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope to the MDEQ Accounts Receivable at P.O. Box 2339, Jackson, MS 39225.

If you have any questions regarding your obligations under the enclosed order, please contact Geoffrey Martin at (601) 961-5024.

Sincerely,

Michelle Clark, P.E., BCEE, Chief
Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Division

Enclosure
cc: Geoffrey Martin

Agency Interest No. 10597
ENF20260002

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION
ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

COMPLAINANT

VS.

ORDER NO. 7740 26

PRESTAGE FARMS MISSISSIPPI, INC.
360 WEST CHURCHILL ROAD
WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI 39773

RESPONDENT

AGREED ORDER

COME NOW the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality (Commission), acting through the staff and Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Complainant, and Prestage Farms Mississippi, Inc., Respondent, in the above captioned cause and agree as follows:

1.

Respondent owns and operates a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO), Hi Lo Farm, located at 20714 White Rock Road, Aberdeen, Mississippi in Monroe County. Respondent holds Multimedia General Pollution Control Permit No. MSG220014 (the Permit), which allows it to operate a concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO); construct/operate air emissions equipment to comply with the emission limitation, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth in the Permit; and discharge storm water associated with agricultural activities into State waters in accordance with effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth in the Permit.

On February 11, 2026, MDEQ conducted a Compliance Evaluation Inspection at Hi Lo Farm to determine Respondent's compliance with the Permit.

By letter dated April 7, 2025, Respondent was contacted by Complainant and notified of the following violations at Hi Lo Farm, which were discovered during the Compliance Evaluation Inspection:

- A. Respondent discharged process wastewater into waters of the state without holding a valid permit authorizing such discharge in violation of Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-29 2(b).
- B. Respondent discharged process wastewater in violation of ACT4, Condition No. L-6 of the Permit.
- C. Respondent failed to properly operate, maintain, and replace facilities and systems of collection, treatment and control in violation of ACT8, Condition No. T-4 of the Permit.
- D. Respondent failed to comply with all conditions of the Permit in violation of ACT8, Condition No. T-5 of the Permit.
- E. Respondent failed to take reasonable steps to mitigate any discharge in violation of the Permit in violation of ACT8, Condition No. T-6 of the Permit.
- F. Respondent bypassed processed wastewater violation of ACT8, Condition No. T-7 of the Permit.
- G. Respondent failed to maintain records for the production areas in violation of ACT5, Condition No. R-1 of the Permit.
- H. Respondent failed to maintain records for the land application areas in violation of ACT5, Condition No. R-2 of the Permit.
- I. Respondent failed to properly pump down its lagoons in violation of ACT7, Condition No. T-4 of the Permit.
- J. Respondent failed to maintain records of overflows and discharges in violation of ACT5, Condition No. R-1 of the Permit

By letter dated June 15, 2026, Respondent asserted it had begun using a spray irrigation system to dispose of the process wastewater in its lagoons and, thereby, eliminated the discharge of process wastewater to waters of the state. Additionally, Respondent asserted that it would maintain the records required by the Permit.

2.

In lieu of a formal enforcement hearing concerning the violations listed above, Complainant and Respondent agree to settle this matter as follows:

- A. Respondent agrees to pay and Complainant agrees to accept a civil penalty in the amount of \$15,000.00. Respondent shall pay this penalty to MDEQ within forty-five (45) days after this Agreed Order has been executed by the MDEQ Executive Director or his designee. The settlement payment shall be submitted to:

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Accounts Receivable
P.O. Box 2339
Jackson, MS 39225

3.

Nothing in this Agreed Order shall limit the rights of MDEQ or the Commission in the event Respondent fails to comply with this Agreed Order. The Agreed Order shall be strictly construed to apply to those matters expressly resolved herein.

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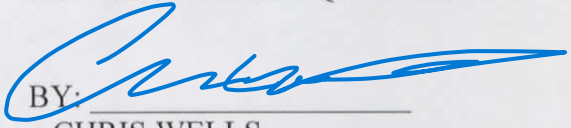
Nothing contained in this Agreed Order shall limit the rights of MDEQ or the Commission to take enforcement or other actions against Respondent for violations not addressed herein and for future violations of environmental laws, rules, and regulations.

5.

Respondent understands and acknowledges that it is entitled to an evidentiary hearing before the Commission pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-31, and that it has made an informed waiver of that right.

ORDERED, this the 15th day of August, 2026.

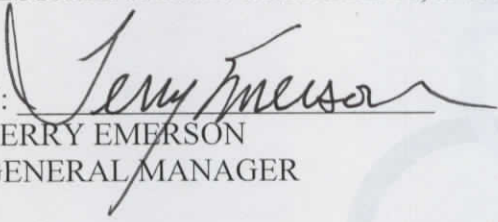
MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON
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BY: 

CHRIS WELLS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED, this the 3 day of August, 2026.

PRESTAGE FARMS MISSISSIPPI, INC

BY: 

TERRY EMERSON
GENERAL MANAGER

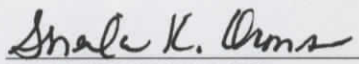
STATE OF MS

COUNTY OF Clay

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named TERRY EMERSON, who first being duly sworn, did state upon his oath and acknowledge to me that he is the GENERAL MANAGER of PRESTAGE FARMS MISSISSIPPI, INC. and is authorized to sign and enter this Agreement.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the 3rd day of August, 2026.




NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires: April 30th, 2027