

August 28, 2018

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capital Avenue  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Re: Utica Grain Clean Up

Dear Commissioners,

I wanted to follow up with you about the comments that I made prior to the special meeting you had last week relating to the license suspension for Utica Grain. As you will recall, my primary concern was the spoiled grain that was on the ground at the elevator and the offensive odor that came from that material.

Last Friday and Saturday, people from Utica Grain and Mr. Marquardt's other companies came to the site. They gathered up and hauled out the spoiled grain. I don't know where they took it, but the grain and the smell are gone. I was pleased that they took my complaint seriously and took care of the problem quickly.

I met with John Marquardt on Monday evening to inspect the clean-up effort and talk to him about future storage at Utica. John assured me that he would make sure that any grain stored at Utica would be covered or in the storage bins. He promised that he would not allow any grain to spoil. We also talked about some other items that I thought should be cleaned up at the site to make it look more presentable. John listened and agreed to immediately clean up some debris on the east side of the large bunker.

I am satisfied that my concerns have been addressed as well as others that I did not mention in my comments. I sincerely appreciate the efforts of the Marquardt family and the PUC to keep the Utica site from being a nuisance.

Sincerely,

Cherie Hoffman