From:	Kenefick-Aschoff, Paul
To:	David Edwards
Cc:	Cody Chambliss (Cody.Chambliss@state.sd.us)
Subject:	RE: [EXT] SD PUC license renewal for 2021-2022
Date:	Friday, July 16, 2021 9:28:01 AM
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We are checking on the status of your SD grain buyers license renewal. We still require your application, \$275 fee and grain buyers bond to

complete the renewal. Your license expired on June 30th so it is vital we renew your license before you purchase any grain. Could you update us on the status of these renewal items. Please see the SD law below on licensing.

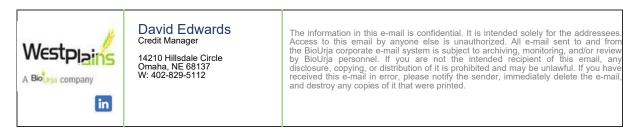
49-45-1. Grain buyer's license required--Violation as misdemeanor-- Injunction--Civil fine. Before transacting the business of a grain buyer in this state, a person shall obtain a grain buyer license from the commission. A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor. Each purchase of grain without a license is a separate offense.

Operation as a grain buyer without a license may be enjoined upon complaint of the commission. In addition, the commission may assess a civil fine against an unlicensed grain buyer in the amount of one thousand dollars for each purchase of grain up to a maximum fine of twenty thousand dollars.

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From: David Edwards <david.edwards@westplainsllc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 4:59 PM
To: Kenefick-Aschoff, Paul <Paul.Kenefick-Aschoff@state.sd.us>
Subject: RE: [EXT] SD PUC license renewal for 2021-2022

Will do



From: Kenefick-Aschoff, Paul <<u>Paul.Kenefick-Aschoff@state.sd.us</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 4:57 PM
To: David Edwards <<u>david.edwards@westplainsllc.com</u>>
Subject: RE: SD PUC license renewal for 2021-2022

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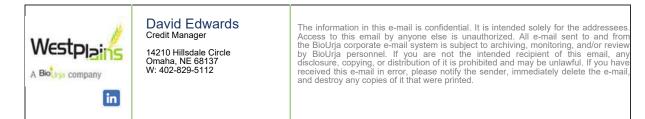
Once you have the bond and have it signed and notarized please scan me a copy, thanks.

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From: David Edwards <<u>david.edwards@westplainsllc.com</u>> Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 4:21 PM To: Kenefick-Aschoff, Paul <<u>Paul.Kenefick-Aschoff@state.sd.us</u>> Subject: RE: [EXT] SD PUC license renewal for 2021-2022

It sounds like I will have the bond in hand by the end of the week.

Sorry for the inconvenience.



From: Kenefick-Aschoff, Paul <<u>Paul.Kenefick-Aschoff@state.sd.us</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 10:06 AM
To: David Edwards <<u>david.edwards@westplainsllc.com</u>>
Subject: RE: SD PUC license renewal for 2021-2022

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Make sure the application is signed and notarized by a company officer.

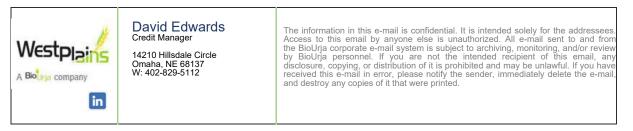
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From: David Edwards <<u>david.edwards@westplainsllc.com</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 9:43 AM
To: Kenefick-Aschoff, Paul <<u>Paul.Kenefick-Aschoff@state.sd.us</u>>
Subject: RE: [EXT] SD PUC license renewal for 2021-2022

Hello Paul,

Attached please find our application. We used to have two locations but we closed the Merriman, NE facility. Working on the bond.

Thank you,



From: Kenefick-Aschoff, Paul <<u>Paul.Kenefick-Aschoff@state.sd.us</u>>
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 9:03 AM
Cc: Chambliss, Cody <<u>Cody.Chambliss@state.sd.us</u>>
Subject: SD PUC license renewal for 2021-2022

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Tuesday; June 29, 2021

Hope this finds everyone well considering the dry conditions we are experiencing in the Midwest. In Pierre we had a few showers but nothing near what we need to stamp out the drought conditions. My lawn is more brown then green right now. Except for the weeds, they seem to withstand anything.

I am working on trying to wrap up the license renewals for the 2021-2022 licensing period. If you are receiving this email, we have not completed the renewal of your grain buyer/warehouse license for South Dakota. If the remaining information has been sent to our office or you have updated our office recently on this information, thank you for doing so.

If you intend to buy or warehouse grain after the expiration of your license tomorrow, Wednesday June 30th, ensure the renewal license is in place before any grain buying or warehousing of grain is conducted. Buying or warehousing grain without a license does have the potential for penalties per SDCL; 49-43-4.2 or 49-45-1.

If you need assistance in completing the renewal of your license or have concerns. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office. We would also appreciate an update on where your company is at with renewing the license. Thank you, have a great day!

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From:	Kenefick-Aschoff, Paul
То:	David Edwards; luke.shaw@westplainsllc.com
Cc:	sylviaw@westplainsllc.com; Cody Chambliss (Cody.Chambliss@state.sd.us)
Subject:	SD PUC license renewal for West Plains LLC
Date:	Tuesday, August 24, 2021 10:47:00 AM

We are looking to wrap up the license renewals for the 2021-2022 licensing period. We have received your 12/31/2020 fiscal yearend financial statement. We still require your application, \$275 licensing fee and the new bond from your surety in order to renew the license. We will need the original signed/notarized application and bond, as well as the fee mailed to our office. Be mindful your license expired on June 30, 2021 and that buying grain for South Dakota without a current license does hold penalties per SDCL; 49-45-1. Thank you, have a great day!

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