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MADIGAN: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT IN WATER POLLUTION CASE AT UNFINISHED MEGA-DAIRY

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced today the filing of a proposed settlement with Tradition Investment, LLC, concerning the construction of a large dairy operation in Jo Davies County.

The settlement proposes to resolve a water pollution complaint filed last year with the Illinois Pollution Control Board against Tradition for allowing the discharge of leachate from silage stored at the site into the South Fork of the Apple River. The complaint also alleged a violation of permit requirements because Tradition failed to have the requisite National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit at the time the discharge occurred.

As noted in the settlement, Tradition has informed the Illinois Attorney General's Office and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency that it is in the process of selling the site. The company is also removing all remaining liquid in the site's concrete basin and adjoining earthen basin and applying it to agricultural land in accordance with applicable environmental regulations.

Division Chief Matthew Dunn and Senior Assistant Attorney General Jane McBride handled the case for Madigan's Environmental Bureau.

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