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April 15, 2020

Mr. George Rodriguez, Sr., President  
Partner's Produce, Inc.  
2176 NE 21st Ave.  
P.O. Box 196  
Payette, ID 83661

Subject: April 9, 2020 Complaint Investigation

Dear Mr. Rodriguez, Sr.:

On April 9, 2020, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) responded to a complaint regarding the unauthorized discharge of wastewater on the premises of Partner's Produce, Inc., located at 2176 NE 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue in Payette, Payette County, Idaho. Upon investigating the complaint, it was determined through observation and discussions with you, Mr. George Rodriguez, Jr., and Mr. Eddie Rodriguez that wastewater was in fact discharged from tanker trucks into four (4) storm water swales around the property.

These discharges must not occur again and are considered violations of the Wastewater Rules (IDAPA 58.01.16) and Recycled Water Rules (IDAPA 58.01.17). To limit the environmental impact of these violations, DEQ strongly advises you to retain a qualified liquid hauling service as soon as possible to pump the remaining wastewater from the storm water swales and dispose of it at an approved facility. If you have questions regarding compliance with DEQ's rules, including the Wastewater Rules and Recycled Water Rules, please contact Valerie Greear at 208-373-0459.

Please be advised that DEQ is currently considering its enforcement options, including taking formal enforcement action, for these violations. DEQ will be in contact regarding this and your return to compliance in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Talley", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Tom Talley, P.E.  
Senior Water Quality Engineer

c: Valerie Greear, P.E., Engineering Manager, DEQ Boise Regional Office  
Aaron Scheff, Regional Administrator, DEQ Boise Regional Office  
Albert Crawshaw, Waste and Remediation Manager, DEQ Boise Regional Office  
Hannah M.C. Young, Deputy Attorney General, Idaho Attorney General's Office  
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