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151 Randall Stuewe Drive  
Winchester, VA 22603

*Sent electronically to [bvogler@valleyproteins.com](mailto:bvogler@valleyproteins.com)*

Re: Clarification to Transfer of Permit Ownership Letter Dated January 27, 2023 for NPDES Permit MD0003247 (State Number 04-DP-0024)

Dear Mr. Vogler:

On January 27, 2023, the Maryland Department of the Environment responded to a request for permit transfer (originally submitted by you on July 7, 2022). In that response, the Department regarded the change as a “name change.” During a recent review of files for the permit, the Department has determined that it would be appropriate to clarify that the change approved in the January 27, 2023 letter represents a transfer of permit ownership from “Valley Protein, Inc” to “Darling Ingredients, Inc. – Linkwood” as a result of the acquisition of Valley Proteins, LLC by Darling Ingredients Inc. referenced in your July 7, 2022 request.

Please note that this letter does not take any further action, rather it is simply provided to clarify that the action from January 27, 2023 was a transfer of permit ownership and not simply a name change of the facility. Effective January 27, 2023, the entity which holds NPDES Permit MD0003247 is Darling Ingredients, Inc. Please maintain this letter with the letter from January 27, 2023 as well as your original permit as recognition of the permit transfer. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at [jonathan.rice@maryland.gov](mailto:jonathan.rice@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

Jonathan Rice, Division Chief  
Industrial and General Permits Division  
Wastewater Pollution Prevention & Reclamation Program

JR/jr

cc: WSA Compliance Program, Eastern Division (Dorchester County)  
Robert Pudmericky, WSA/WPPRP/I&GPD



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Re: Name Change for NPDES Permit MD0003247 (State Number 04-DP-0024)

Dear Mr. Vogler:

The Maryland Department of the Environment has received a letter from you dated July 7, 2022, which request a name change of the entity holding NPDES permit #MD0003247 (State Number 04-DP-0024). The letter requests that the entity identified as the permit holder be changed from “Valley Protein, Inc” to the proper corporate entity name “Darling Ingredients, Inc. - Linkwood”. According to your letter, this resulted from a recent acquisition of Valley Proteins, LLC by Darling Ingredients Inc.. Per your letter, there have been no changes in responsible official or management.

With this letter, the Department hereby acknowledges the new legal name for the owner of the facility and responsible party for the permit as requested. Please maintain this letter with your original permit as recognition of the updated name of the permit holder. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at [jonathan.rice@maryland.gov](mailto:jonathan.rice@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

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STATE DISCHARGE PERMIT NUMBER	04-DP-0024	NPDES PERMIT NUMBER	MD0003247
APPROVAL DATE	December 27, 2022	EFFECTIVE DATE	February 1, 2023
EXPIRATION DATE	January 31, 2028	REAPPLICATION DATE	January 31, 2027
MODIFICATION DATE: N/A			

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 9 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and regulations promulgated thereunder, and the provisions of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq. and implementing regulations 40 CFR Parts 122, 123, 124, and 125, the Department of the Environment, hereinafter referred to as the "Department," hereby authorizes

Darling Ingredients, Inc.  
5420 Linkwood Road  
Linkwood, Maryland 21835

TO DISCHARGE FROM

Darling Ingredients Inc. – Linkwood, a poultry rendering facility

LOCATED AT

5420 Linkwood Road, Linkwood, Dorchester County, Maryland 21835.

VIA OUTFALL

001 as identified and described herein, and from facility areas identified in the storm water pollution prevention plan associated with the previous permit 99-DP-0024 until the Permittee either signs a Declaration of Intent to Comply with the Terms and Conditions of the General Permit for Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activities and receives approval of its Notice of Intent, or obtains other coverage for its stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity.

TO

an unnamed tributary of the Transquaking River (Use-I), which is protected for water contact recreation, fishing, aquatic life, and wildlife in accordance with the following special and general conditions and map made a part hereof.