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The Honorable Jim Vickerman
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The Honorable Satveer S. Chaudhary
State Senator
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The Honorable Kent Eken
State Representative
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RE: Feedlot Rule Open Lot Agreement Memorandum of Understanding

Dear Senator Vickerman, Senator Chaudhary, Representative Otremba, and Representative Eken:

Attached is a copy of the executed Feedlot Rule Open Lot Agreement (OLA) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Minnesota Department of Agriculture and Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources. The MOU was developed in consultation with numerous interested parties, including county feedlot officers, legislators, and producers groups.

Under the feedlot rules, producers who signed an OLA are required to complete final corrective measures by October 1, 2010, to address runoff problems. During this timeframe, producers who signed an OLA were given a conditional enforcement waiver. The MOU was developed to address uncertainties of what might happen to producers who had signed OLAs but were unable to make the necessary environmental corrections due to the limited availability of cost-share funding and technical assistance. The resulting agreement recognizes that many producers proactively signed OLAs and pursued funding, but were unable to make necessary changes due to limited cost-share. Further details can be found in the attached MOU.

The Agencies are working together to develop a communications plan to ensure that producers are informed about this agreement. Initial communication steps will include development of a fact sheet, use of Internet Web sites, news releases, and participation at various producer group meetings and events. In addition to communicating the specifics of the MOU, the Agencies will be encouraging producers to seek assistance from their local conservation office and to work

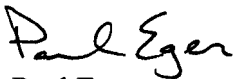
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closely with their county feedlot officer or MPCA office to correct remaining open lot runoff problems.

Additional information about the OLA Program can be found at:
<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/hot/feedlot-openlot.html>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Randall Hukriede, Feedlot Program Manager, at 320-441-6966.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner

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Attachment

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