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**DENR Announces Hearing to Reissue General Permit
for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations is Continued**

PIERRE, S.D. – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary has granted a continuance for the contested case hearing to reissue the General Water Pollution Control Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations. The hearing, which was scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 16, will be rescheduled for early next year.

DENR will announce the hearing date, time and location after consulting with the parties to the contested case hearing, their attorneys and witnesses. The Order for Continuance and other information will also be available on the DENR Feedlot Permit Program's website at <http://denr.sd.gov/des/fp/cafo.aspx>.

On Oct. 8, the Department's Feedlot Permit Program gave public notice of the reissuance of the proposed general permit and a Dec. 16 contested case hearing date on the general permit. The public notice was published in 10 daily newspapers, sent to 931 interested parties, and posted to DENR's One Stop Public Notice website at <http://denr.sd.gov/public/>. Interested persons were required to file a petition to intervene in the contested case hearing by Nov. 20.

One of the intervening parties, Dakota Rural Action, filed a motion for a continuance on Tuesday, Dec. 8. The motion requested more time to prepare for the hearing. The Secretary, acting as hearing chair for the contested case hearing, granted the request.