STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

APPROVAL OF PLAN NUMBER 19310

BACKGROUND

1. On June 10, 2015, Matt Thomas, on behalf of Thomas Livestock Company Inc., filed in the Department of Natural Resources (Department) an Application for Approval of Plans for Dams, plan P-19310 and associated specifications.

2. The plan, P-19310, is for Pigeon Ranch Expansion Lagoon Dam, a proposed livestock waste control dam, subject to the *Safety of Dams and Reservoirs Act*. The dam will be located in the SW 1/4 of Section 27, Township 11 North, Range 20 West of the 6th P.M. in Dawson County.

3. Ferdinando T. Scarpello, P.E., of WLA Consulting, Inc., 1640 L Street, Suite D, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508, prepared the drawings and specifications.

4. Matt Thomas, Thomas Livestock Company Inc., 79696 Highway 21, Broken Bow, Nebraska 68822, will own the waste lagoon and dam.

5. The plans and specifications were examined by a Registered Professional Engineer of the Department and were found to be consistent with current standards.

6. Following consultation with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, the Department finds the project will have "No Effect" on any state listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat.

7. All of the contributing drainage area into the lagoon will be from the livestock facility and incidental drainage associated with the waste control facility.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED the Application for Approval of Plans for Dams, plan P-19310 and associated specifications are APPROVED subject to the following limitations and conditions:

1. This approval will remain in effect for purposes of construction until November 1, 2017.

2. The owner of a dam shall provide written notice to the Department at least ten days before construction of the dam is to begin. Notices must be in writing and addressed to the Chief Engineer of the Department's Dam Safety Section. Notices may be delivered to the Department by mail, facsimile, or electronic mail.

3. The dam owner must comply with all relevant statutes. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

   A. Notify the Department of any change in ownership or address.

   B. Receive approval prior to taking any action that changes the storage capacity of the reservoir, the specifications, or plan P-19310.

   C. Construct, operate and maintain the structure in accordance with *Neb. Rev. Stat.* § 46-241 and the *Safety of Dams and Reservoirs Act*, §§ 46-1601 to 46-1670.

   D. Assume liability for all damages due to leakage, overflow or structural failure of the dam.

4. Upon completion of the construction, the owner shall file with the Department the enclosed "Construction Certification Form for Dams". Following receipt of this form, an approval to operate will be issued by the Department if it determines that the dam is safe to impound within the limitations outlined in this approval.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Failure to comply with all laws and regulations pertaining to any orders issued by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources may result in administrative penalty, criminal prosecution, or any combination thereof.

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Gordon W. Fassett

August 7, 2015 Gordon W. Fassett, P.E., Director

The applicant and any person with sufficient legal interest who has been or may be substantially affected by this approval may request a contested case hearing in accordance with the *Neb. Admin. Procedures Act* §§ 84-901 et. seq. RRS and the Department's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* 454 *Neb. Admin. Code* Chapter 7. The request must be received by the Department at its Lincoln office (Nebraska State Office Building, 4th Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4676) within 30 days of the date of the Approval and be accompanied by a filing fee of $10.

A copy of this approval was posted on the Department's website. Copies of this approval, plan P-19310, and a "Construction Certification Form for Dams" were mailed on August 7, 2015, to Matt Thomas, Thomas Livestock Company Inc., 79696 Highway 21, Broken Bow, Nebraska 68822. Copies of this approval, engineering review report, and plan P-19310 were provided to the Department's field office in Bridgeport, Nebraska. Copies of this approval and a "Construction Certification Form for Dams" were mailed to Ferdinando T. Scarpello, P.E., WLA Consulting, Inc., 1640 L Street, Suite D, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508. Copies of this Approval were mailed to the Central Platte Natural Resources District, 215 Kaufman Avenue, Grand Island, Nebraska 68803 and to Tom Trewhitt, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, INTERAGENCY, 1200 N Street, Suite 400, P.O. Box 98922, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-8922.