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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

A-F Acquisition, LLC, dba Pullman Innovation
2701 East 100th Street
Chicago, IL 60617

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Re: Violation Notice: A-F Acquisition, LLC, dba Pullman Innovation Division of Records Management
W0316000933 Releasable
Violation Notice No.: W-2026-50067

Dear Facility Owner:

Reviewer: KKN

This constitutes a Violation Notice pursuant to Section 31(a)(1) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), 415 ILCS 5/31(a)(1), and is based upon a review of available information and an investigation by representatives of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA").

The Illinois EPA hereby provides notice of alleged violations of environmental laws, regulations, or permits as set forth in Attachment A to this notice. Attachment B includes an explanation of the activities that the Illinois EPA believes may resolve the specified alleged violations. Due to the nature and seriousness of the alleged violations, please be advised that resolution of the violations may also require the involvement of a prosecutorial authority for purposes that may include, among others, the imposition of statutory penalties.

A written response, which may include a request for a meeting with representatives of the Illinois EPA, must be submitted via certified mail to the Illinois EPA within 45 days of receipt of this letter. If a meeting is requested, it shall be held within 60 days of receipt of this notice. The response must include information in rebuttal, explanation, or justification of each alleged violation and a statement indicating whether or not the facility wishes to enter into a Compliance Commitment Agreement ("CCA") pursuant to Section 31(a) of the Act. If the facility wishes to enter into a CCA, the written response must also include proposed terms for the CCA that includes dates for achieving each commitment and may include a statement that compliance has been achieved for some or all of the alleged violations. The proposed terms of the CCA should contain sufficient detail and

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must include steps to be taken to achieve compliance and the necessary dates by which compliance will be achieved.

The Illinois EPA will review the proposed terms for a CCA provided by the facility and, within 30 days of receipt, will respond with either a proposed CCA or a notice that no CCA will be issued by the Illinois EPA. If the Illinois EPA sends a proposed CCA, the facility must respond in writing by, either agreeing to and signing the proposed CCA, or by notifying the Illinois EPA that the facility rejects the terms of the proposed CCA. When compliance is achieved, the owner of the facility must submit a completed statement of compliance form certifying that all Compliance Commitment Agreement measures/events have been successfully completed.

If a timely written response to this Violation Notice is not provided, it shall be considered a waiver of the opportunity to respond and meet, and the Illinois EPA may proceed with referral to a prosecutorial authority.

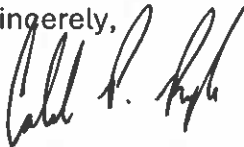
Written communications should be directed to:

Illinois EPA – Division of Water Pollution Control
Attn: **Marissa Quigley**/ CAS#19
2520 W Iles Ave
P.O. BOX 19276
Springfield, IL 62794-9276

All communications must include reference to this Violation Notice number, **W-2026-50067**.

Questions regarding this Violation Notice should be directed to **Marissa Quigley** at (217) 558-4115 or **Marissa.Quigley@Illinois.gov**.

Sincerely,



Caleb Ruyle, Manager
Compliance Assurance Section
Bureau of Water, Division of Water Pollution Control

Attachments

ATTACHMENT A

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Questions regarding the violations identified in this attachment should be referred to **Marissa Quigley at (217) 558-4115 or Marissa.Quigley@Illinois.gov**.

On April 3, 2026, a representative from the Illinois EPA conducted a Reconnaissance Inspection at Pullman Innovation located in Cook County, IL. The representative observed an unauthorized point source discharge from a seal leaking at the flanged connection of a pump depositing contaminants on the ground in front of tank W6. Additionally, the Facility requires a WPC permit for the pretreatment plant.

Based on these findings, the facility is in apparent violation of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, the Illinois Pollution Control Board Regulations. A review of information available to the Illinois EPA indicates the following violations of statutes, regulations, or permits. Included with each type of violation is an explanation of the activities that the Illinois EPA believes may resolve the violation.

Failure to Obtain a State Operating/Construction Permit

<u>Violation Date</u>	<u>Violation Description</u>
04/03/2026	No person shall construct, install, or operate any equipment, facility, vessel, or aircraft capable of causing or contributing to water pollution, or designed to prevent water pollution, of any type designated by Board regulations, without a permit granted by the Agency, or in violation of any conditions imposed by such permit.
Rule/Reg.:	Section 12(b) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/12(b) (2024), 35 Ill. Adm. Code 309.202(a)

Unpermitted/Unauthorized Point Source Discharge

<u>Violation Date</u>	<u>Violation Description</u>
04/03/2026	Except as in compliance with the provisions of the Act, Board regulations, the CWA (Clean Water Act), and the provisions and conditions of the NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit issued to the discharger, the discharge of any contaminant or pollutant by any person into the waters of the State from a point source shall be unlawful.

Rule/Reg.: Section 12(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/12(a) and (f) (2024), 35 Ill. Adm. Code 309.102(a)

Discharge of Contaminants

Violation Date	Violation Description
04/03/2026	No person shall cause, threaten, or allow the discharge of any contaminants into the environment in any State so as to cause or tend to cause water pollution in Illinois, either alone or in combination with matter from other sources, or so as to violate regulations or standards adopted by the Pollution Control Board under this Act.

Rule/Reg.: Section 12(a) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/12(a) (2024)

Deposit of Contaminants

Violation Date	Violation Description
04/03/2026	Deposited contaminants on the ground in such a manner that caused or threatened to cause a water pollution hazard.

Rule/Reg.: Section 12(d) of the Act, 415 ILCS 5/12(d) (2024)

ATTACHMENT B

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In order to assist your facility in attaining compliance with the apparent violations listed in Attachment A, the following recommendations are offered:

1. Initiate efforts to clean up and maintain the areas where the leak occurred, and the areas affected.
2. Immediately investigate and determine the cause of the leak and provide corrective actions to eliminate further leaking from occurring.
3. Develop a routine maintenance schedule and a routine inspection program in your Facility to assist in the detection of problems that may be developing.