



GEORGIA

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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February 19, 2026

Mr. Charles Kincaid, Operator
Caton Farms, LLC
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RE: Notice of Violation
Caton Farms, LLC
Permit No. PBR-010-0020(CO)
Berrien County, Georgia

Dear Mr. Kincaid:

A routine compliance inspection was conducted at the above referenced composting facility by representatives of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division on February 10, 2026. This Notice of Violation is issued to Caton Farms, LLC for deficiencies with regard to the referenced Permit and the Georgia Rules for Solid Waste Management (Rules). The enclosed Compost Class 2 Permit-by-Rule Checklist notes three (3) deficiencies, which are listed below for your review and attention:

1. Permit Condition 3 (xi) - *Facilities accepting Category B feedstocks from offsite shall track incoming feedstocks and finished compost. Records documenting compliance of the composting facility with these Rules shall be kept for a minimum of three years in a form suitable for submission to or inspection by the Division. Records shall include the weight or volume (in tons or cubic yards) of the feedstocks accepted, total compost produced, and any amount sold or used. **Some records were incomplete at the time of the inspection.***
2. Permit Condition 3 (vii) - *By the end of each operating day, all incoming Category B feedstock must be processed into the active composting area, transferred to leak-proof containment, or mixed with bulking material and covered in a manner that minimizes nuisance odors and scavenging by vectors. **Soybean material (Category B feedstock) is stored without being mixed or covered to minimize odors or vectors.***
3. Permit Condition 3 (ix) - *Storage of finished compost on site is limited to 12 months, unless approved by the Division on a case-by-case basis. **During the inspection, windrows observed from the previous February 18, 2025 inspection were observed again. Unclear records and relatively unchanged site conditions indicate that feedstock is not being composted in a timely manner and remains accumulated speculatively.***

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Please submit a corrective action plan within thirty (30) days of this dated letter. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the inspection, please contact this office at (229) 430-4144.

Sincerely,



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Program Manager

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Enclosure: Compost Class 2 Permit-by-Rule Checklist

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Dwight Caton, Property Owner (dwight@marsrecylers.com)
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SW Files – Caton Farms, Berrien County

Compost Class 2 Permit-by-Rule Checklist

Facility Name: Caton Farms, LLC **Permit #:** PBR-010-0020(CO)

Facility Address: 882 Whitley Tucker Rd. Enigma, GA 31749

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Owner Name/Title: Dwight Caton **Phone:** (985) 630-7002

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Operator Name/Title: Charles Kincaid **Phone:** (229) 686-8191

Operator Email: tkincaid1967@gmail.com

Inspection Date/Time: 2/10/2026 / 10.A.M.

Inspector Name: Nur Salama

Records Review				
	Criteria	Yes	No	Follow-up Action or Comment
1	Any unaddressed non-compliance from the last inspection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The permit had only recently been issued and a full compliance evaluation was not applicable at that time.
2	Does incoming feedstock match accepted materials per the PBR? <i>Class 2 facilities may only accept yard trimmings, land-clearing debris, agricultural residuals generated on/off and processed on site, untreated and unpainted wood, and source separated organics (food waste). Class 2 facilities MAY NOT compost manure that is generated offsite and transported to the location. This also includes chicken litter.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	While new inbound material (ag. residuals) was not observed (except for a few piles of wood chips), existing stored material from the Paul King Rd. site is being moved here and composted. This is a compliance conflict with the Paul King Rd. site.
3	Is the facility PBR readily available for the operator?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4	Are there records documenting operational compliance or EPD District inspection reports for 3 years available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5	Are records of incoming feedstock and finished product available? Do these records include the weight or volume of incoming feedstock and total product produced? If applicable, are up to 3 years of records available for review? <i>Class 2 facilities may only accept up to 500 tons of agricultural residuals generated OFF site or source separated organics per month.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Operator was able to produce some records; however, they lacked dates or rationale to track inbound, finished product storage time, and outbound. During the inspection three (3) records lacked inbound feedstock weight or volume. EPD staff observed a Caton Farms representative/employee fill in the three (3) missing weights during the records review.
6	Does the facility have a stormwater NPDES permit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
7	Is there documentation of training for the responsible official available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tony Kincaid completed the Aeromaster Composting Systems - Humus Advantage Workshop 3/24/24.
8	Does feedstock and compost storage meet the annual speculative accumulation criteria (75% by weight or volume must be moved within a 12 month rolling period)? <i>Verify the facility is monitoring incoming and outgoing loads by reviewing one month's records while on-site.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Records showing that at least 75% (existing/stored on site or new additional) material has been moved off site over 12 mo. are not discernable (See Criteria 5 above). Speculative accumulation observed.
9	Is emergency contact information available on the entrance sign?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10	What was the operational start date when the facility began to receive feedstocks?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Soy bean material first received in June 2024, PBR issued December 2024.

Site Operations			
Criteria	Yes	No	Follow-up Action or Comment
1 Is finished compost stored more than 12 months?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Windrows observed during the last inspection remain; wood chip, hay and cotton mix piles stored >12 months.
2 At the end of each operating day, are all incoming Category B feedstocks (agricultural residuals generated OFF site or source separated organics) processed, or transferred to leak-proof containment, or mixed with bulking material and covered in a manner that minimizes nuisance odors and scavenging by vectors? <i>Storage beyond the end of the day is not allowed.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Soybean material (Category B feedstock) is stored unmixed and uncovered.
3 Is non-compostable feedstock or solid waste properly contained and then properly disposed of?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4 Is litter picked up and removed daily?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5 Is there visible contamination with unaccepted materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
6 Is there a fire plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No written plan, but fire control measures exist.
7 Are fire extinguishers available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8 Is the facility properly secured when closed? <i>Identify and photo the security system, locked gate, etc.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9 Are there signs posted with operating hours, type of feedstock processed, and emergency contact information?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10 Are feedstocks confined to unloading area?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11 Is the composting area structurally sound and capable of supporting vehicular traffic?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12 Is the composting facility adequate in size and capacity to manage the projected volume of compost and residue generated? <i>Ensure the feedstock storage area is clearly defined and separate from the composting area. Look for feedstock that appears to be rotten or odor is noticeable that would indicate the compost area is inadequate in size to process the feedstock in a timely manner.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Windrows are small and fit the equipment used to turn them. There was a small amount of existing soybean pile used to create new windrows. The operator has not been composting the existing material in a timely manner.
13 For windrow operations, are the windrows adequate in size and spacing? <i>Ask how windrows are turned. Does the equipment present appear to be adequate to turn the size of the windrow? If it is done manually, how is that done and how often?</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14 How is contact water managed to prevent contamination of surface water and cured/finished compost? <i>Is stormwater routed around the windrow operation? Any precipitation falling on the windrow operation is contact water and must be contained and reused in the compost operation and prevented from reaching surface water. The best way to minimize this is to cover the windrows during rainfall events.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The contact water is routed into a holding basin and used to spray down the windrows. No contact water was noted leaving the site.
15 How is contact water used? <i>Have a discussion with the operator on this. The production of contact water may be so minimal, outside of rainfall events, that there is not an issue. Look for evidence of runoff from the operation, especially any staining of soil or vegetation from contact water that is darker in color.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact water is sprayed on the windrows.
16 Is infestation by insects and rodents noticeable? Is there a plan to control infestation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No infestation of insects or rodents was noticed during the time of inspection.

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Criteria	Yes	No	Follow-up Action or Comment
17 Is the facility operating with a dust control and/or odor control plan?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Operator stated he uses a water truck for dust control and uses sodium bicarbonate for odor control.
18 Is wastewater properly disposed? How? <i>Verify building drains and other areas drain to wastewater system. Check to see if there is a portable toilet or toilet facilities, and, if so, is there a service, septic tank or connection to public system?</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Site does not appear to generate any wastewater.
19 If there is a storm water pond, has it been cleaned out? Does it contain solids?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
20 Any prohibited acts or waste found at the facility?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
21 Is there evidence of wetlands/floodplains/state waters buffer encroachment? 1) The facility shall not be located in the 100-year floodplain. 2) A 50-foot undisturbed buffer shall be maintained between the composting operation and the property line. 3) A 200-foot buffer shall be maintained between the composting operation and any adjacent residences and/or drinking water supply wells. 4) A 50-foot buffer shall be maintained between the composting operation and all streams and identified wetlands. <i>If there is a suspicion of buffer encroachment, note same on inspection report and check wetlands inventory maps and flood plain maps when returning to the office.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Inspection Observations:			
	Yes	No	
Facility in compliance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Inspector Signature: Nur Salama <i>SAB</i>	Date: <i>2/19/2026</i>		
Manager Signature: <i>Seren A. Broska</i>	Date: <i>2/19/2026</i>		