**TO:** Berlin Town Council and the Berlin Community

**FROM:** Bright Feeds

**DATE:** January 15, 2025

**RE:** Update on Odor and Noise Mitigation Efforts

To the Berlin Town Council and Berlin Community,

Bright Feeds appreciates the opportunity to provide you with an update on our efforts since the previous public update meetings in October and November, as well as the town’s online update in December. We are pleased to report that the thermal oxidizer equipment we previously discussed with the town and the community remains on schedule to be delivered in late February and installed in early March.

We have pushed and continue to push the manufacturer for an expedited arrival and installation, and are currently working with them on the details regarding site and utility needs. We will continue to keep everyone updated on the planning conversations and installation process.

As we previously mentioned, we are confident that this custom-designed solution, typically used in large manufacturing plants that are many times bigger than the Bright Feeds plant, will be a permanent odor solution. It is the highest-level solution available in the marketplace, and according to its manufacturer, it eliminates offensive smells by destroying 98% of all organic compounds in exhaust flows.

As we work towards installation of the RTO, and per discussions with DEEP, we also sought to increase the height of the plant’s stack as an interim measure to minimize potential impacts from our operations. However, as many are aware, the Zoning Board of Appeals has denied our request for permission to raise the stack height. Per subsequent discussions with DEEP, Bright Feeds is discontinuing overnight operation as a significant interim measure as we prepare for the RTO installation. These changes took effect this morning.

Additionally, we are continuing to work with a sound consultant to ensure that when we install the thermal oxidizer, it will be consistent with a permanent sound solution.

We appreciate the community’s patience and remain 100% committed to listening to and working with community members, the town, the Mayor and Town Council, Representative Veach, Senator Lopes, CT DEEP, and others to address all concerns.

Thank you,

The Bright Feeds Team