

AML §305-a QUESTIONNAIRE

The Department performs AML §305-a reviews on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the specific facts of a situation. Department staff initially determine whether the land involved is located within a State certified, county adopted agricultural district and if the land use and activity constitute a “farm operation” as defined by AML §301, subd.11. In determining whether the operation constitutes a “farm operation,” the Department evaluates such factors as the acreage in production; capital investment; gross sales of crops, livestock and livestock products; the type of enterprise and number of years in operation. The Department will consider your answers to the following questions in conjunction with your §305-a Review Application to determine if your enterprise constitutes a “farm operation.” Please attach additional sheets if necessary. Supporting documentation (e.g., sales records and/or tax records) may be requested.

1) Farm Name:

Farm acreage in production (owned and rented property):

Gross annual sales:

Years in operation:

Type of enterprise:

2) Please explain why your farm does not qualify for agricultural assessment:

3) Please describe the capital investment and business assets of the operation:

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4) Please describe generally the methods of operation/business practices utilized to make a profit:

5) If a start-up operation, please describe prior relevant experience or background of the principals and attach a market or business plan, if any:

6) Please provide any additional information that you may consider useful in evaluating whether the enterprise is a "farm operation."

The information provided by me above or in attached documents is truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature Date

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