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North Carolina Department of Agriculture
and Consumer Services
Food and Drug Protection Division

Joseph W. Reardon
Director

August 25, 2008

Mr. Uli Bennewitz – Owner
Farmbrew, LLC
P.O. Box 389
Jarvisburg, NC 27947

Dear Mr. Bennewitz:

An inspection of Weeping Radish Farm Brewery located at 6810 Caratoke Hwy in Jarvisburg, North Carolina was conducted on August 06 - 07, 2008 by Food Regulatory Specialist William Creps of this Department. This inspection revealed the presence of objectionable and insanitary food storage and processing conditions. We specifically direct to your attention the following inspection observations and FDC # 0014333-0014337:

1. Rodent activity was noted in the facility as follows:

- a) Fifty plus (50+) rodent excreta pellets were noted on cases and inside a case of Weeping Radish Bottle Caps (stock # CV2246) stored on the mezzanine above the brewery;
- b) One (1) dead decayed mouse was found inside a Trapper Max Glue Trap on a pallet containing five (5) bags of Durst Malt/Product of Germany. More than one hundred (100+) rodent excreta pellets were observed on pallet slip sheet, on bags, and along bag seams of five (5) bags (25 kg each) of Durst Malt/Product of Germany stored on production floor of the brewery;
- c) Seventy five plus (75+) rodent excreta pellets were noted on pallet of 50 lb. bags of Briess Malt/Chilton, WI stored on the production floor of the Brewery: the pallet contained seventeen (17) bags.

The above referenced items with an estimated value of one thousand one hundred nineteen dollars (\$1119) were placed under State Embargo FDC 0017370 due to rodent infestation. These items were voluntarily removed and disposed of by management during the inspection.

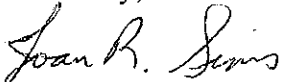
- d) Twenty five plus (25+) on the concrete pad around the boiler on the brewery floor;
 - e) Twelve plus (12+) on the concrete pad around the boiler feed-water tank on the brewery floor;
 - f) Fifty plus (50+) in two (2) closets in the vestibule with restrooms in the retail area;
 - g) Fifty plus (50+) in a cabinet in the restaurant seating area adjacent to the refrigerated beer display.
2. The following pesticides and/or other toxic materials were found stored as follows:
- a) Keg and produce cooler had a container of ACE Carpet Pre-Spotter and an Ortho Poison Ivy Killer on the floor adjacent to a box of watermelons sitting on the floor;

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- b) A five gallon (5 gal.) can of putty, a can of WD-40 oil, five (5) containers of gasoline, mix fuel and kerosene (some with no lids) were on the concrete slab at the rear of the building used for receiving and transfer of produce, trash, and ingredients;
 - c) A container of Ortho Total Vegetation Killer on top of empty kegs just inside a personnel door from the parking lot to the brewery floor;
 - d) A container of Sevin Concentrated Bug Killer and Zep Floor Stripper were on the floor of the brewery to the left of the aging room door under chemicals used for brewery cleaning;
 - e) A container of TAT Roach-Ant Killer and WD-40 oil were on a landing at the bottom of the stairs going into the brewery;
 - f) A container of Zep Purple Cleaner-Degreaser was on the floor of the brewery next to the tool box area.
3. The water pressure to both the upstairs and downstairs hand-wash sinks in the restrooms is inadequate and hot water is practically non-existent.
 4. Pest attractants and pest harborage was noted as follows:
 - a) Corn being air-dried in open containers on the concrete slab at the rear of the building;
 - b) Open bags and containers of animal feed in Farm Managers area in the corner of the building;
 - c) High vegetation and equipment stored up against the building and behind the trash area (particularly on the Grandy side).
 5. Animal cages and cardboard section littered with duck excreta were observed on the concrete slab to the outside rear of the firm: this is a high traffic area going into and out of the building to multiple departments: cross contamination is a potential problem.
 6. On the outside rear of the firm the feed line to the silo is "open"; the discharge of the fill pipe is "open"; the hatch to the silo is not secured; the opening from the mill is not secure. These issues can lead to pest control problems (insects) and in the event of purposeful sabotage, the grain supply could become adulterated.
 7. Recently a large quantity of vegetables from the farm operation are being handled and stored at the rear of the brewery room with storage of vegetables and keg beer in the cooler. Cross contamination from this process is a concern.

We have directed this matter to your attention as Owner in order that you might take immediate steps to correct the above-mentioned conditions and assure a continual safe and sanitary operation. Your written response outlining the actions you are taking will be anticipated by this office within fifteen (15) days of receiving this letter.

Sincerely,



Joan R. Sims

Food Compliance Officer

cc: Bill Creps, Food Regulatory Specialist
Matthew Glass, Brewmaster



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An OFFICIAL SAMPLE, represented or sold as filth

Obtained By: William D. Creps an officer of this Department on August 6, 2008

Labeled: Collections from on, under the flaps and inside a case of Weeping Radish Bottle Caps (Stock #CV2246) stored on the mezzanine above the brewery

Mfr. or Dist. _____

Retail Dealer Weeping Radish Farm Brewery, PO Box 389, 6810 Caratoke Hwy, Jarvisburg, NC 27947

RESULTS OF ANALYSIS:

Eighteen (18) rat or mouse excreta pellets ranging from about 2.5mm to 7.5mm

CONCLUSION: Product has been produced, prepared, packed or held under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth, or whereby it may have been rendered diseased, unwholesome or injurious to health.

TO: William D. Creps
Weeping Radish Farm Brewery

Larry D. Gabriel

Larry D. Gabriel, Food Administrator
BY: Joan R. Sims
Food Compliance Officer



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Obtained By: William D. Creps an officer of this Department on August 6, 2008

Labeled: Collections from pallet slip sheet and from bags on same pallet labeled Durst Malt/ Product of Germany (25kg ea) stored on the production floor of the brewery

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RESULTS OF ANALYSIS:

Twelve (12) rat or mouse excreta pellets ranging from about 3.7mm to 6.8mm

CONCLUSION: Product has been produced, prepared, packed or held under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth, or whereby it may have been rendered diseased, unwholesome or injurious to health.

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Weeping Radish Farm Brewery

Larry D. Gabriel

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Labeled: Collections from concrete pads on the brewery floor: "A"-boiler and "B"-boiler feed water tank

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RESULTS OF ANALYSIS:

Sub [A] was marked "boiler Pad" and contained the following:

Five (5) rat or mouse excreta pellets ranging from about 4.5mm to 6.5mm

Sub [B] was marked "Feed H²O Pad" and contained the following:

Eleven (11) rat or mouse excreta pellets ranging from about 3mm to 6mm in length

One (1) adult from the order, ARACHNIDA (Spiders)

One (1) unidentified adult beetle 6mm in length

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An OFFICIAL SAMPLE, represented or sold as filth

Obtained By: William D. Creps an officer of this Department on August 6, 2008

Labeled: Collected from on bags labeled Briess Malt/ Chilton, WI (50#ea) from a pallet with 17 bags of the same stored on the production floor of the brewery

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RESULTS OF ANALYSIS:

Thirteen (13) rat or mouse excreta pellets ranging from about 3.5mm to 7.5mm

CONCLUSION: Product has been produced, prepared, packed or held under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth, or whereby it may have been rendered diseased, unwholesome or injurious to health.

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An OFFICIAL SAMPLE, represented or sold as filth

Obtained By: William D. Creps an officer of this Department on August 6, 2008

Labeled: Collected from along the floor/ wall juncture in the closet to the left of the men's room in the vestibule off the retail area.

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RESULTS OF ANALYSIS:

Nine (9) rat or mouse excreta pellets ranging from about 3mm to 6mm in length

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