RESOLUTION OF THE SOMERSET COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

RECOMMENDING A SITE SPECIFIC AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICE ON GALLUP FARM, BLOCK , LOTS , BLOCK , LOTS AND BLOCK , LOTS

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP, SOMERSET COUNTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Right to Farm Act, N.J.S.A. 4:1C-1, et seq. and the State Agriculture Development Committee regulations, N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.3, a commercial farm owner or operator may make a request to the County Agriculture Development Board (hereinafter "Board") to determine if his or her operation constitutes a generally accepted agricultural management practice; and

WHEREAS, Alec Gallup of ! in Montgomery Township Somerset County, made a request in writing to the Board for the development of a site-specific agriculture management practice (hereinafter, "AMP") for an Equine Berm; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.3(c), the Board advised in writing the State Agriculture Development Committee and the municipality of Montgomery of this request; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 2:76-2.3(b), the Board requested that Alec Gallup provide proof that his/her agricultural operation is a commercial farm as defined at <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 4:1-C-3 and <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 2:76-2.1; and

WHEREAS, Alec Gallup provided to the Board his/her commercial farm certification, including supporting documentation, attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, staff of the County Agriculture Development Board, the County Planning Division, the office of Somerset and Union Soil Conservation District, the federal Natural Resource Conservation Service, the State Agriculture Development Committee and a representative of the Equine Science Center at Rutgers University conducted a site inspection of the Gallup farm; and

WHEREAS, on, at its regular meeting in January, the SCADB was presented with the findings of the site inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Right to Farm Committee of the SCADB agreed to develop a site-specific AMP for the Gallup Farm after making a finding that based upon the materials presented by the applicant that the Farm meets the requirements of the "Right-To-Farm" Act to be eligible for consideration under it's protections, and

WHEREAS, the SCADB sought the assistance of Rutgers Cooperative Extension, the Somerset County soil conservation district, in the determination of generally accepted agriculture management practices and standards relating to this activity.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the SCADB hereby determines that the Equine Berm on the Gallup Farm constitutes a generally accepted agriculture management practice provided that the activity must conform to all relevant Federal and State statutes, rules, and regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board shall forward a copy of its written recommendation of the site-specific AMP to Alec Gallup, the SADC, the Township of Montgomery and any other individuals or organizations deemed appropriate by the Board within 30 days of the recommendation.

I, George Dealaman, Vice-Chairman of the Somerset County Agriculture Development Board, certify that the above is a true copy of the resolution adopted by Somerset County Agriculture Development Board at their meeting of February 16, 2005.

George Dealaman,	Vice-Chairman	