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Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality

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Doug Szenher,

I am in favor of Arkansas ADEQ's proposed changes to the notification process regarding Regulation 6 with the addition of the following points:

Notification should be placed in local and regional newspapers to help insure coverage of the permit.

The language of public notice under 6.207(A) specifying that "written and published notification would be issued no more than 30 days prior to submission of the NOI."

The Arkansas Department of Health should be notified.

If a facility is to be permitted near a National Park, the National Park Service be notified.

Local school authorities should be notified of the potential permit for obvious health issues and the protection of the well being of all the school staff and especially children who I know you would want to protect.

Please take all the comments that are made by others here into your final rule changes and think "long haul protection in Arkansas for **ALL**."

I had been checking Arkansas ADEQ website recently to see if maybe there was something (maybe another surprise) moving into my neighborhood that I hadn't been aware of in print or a sign or local talk. While on your website I saw your division of "Public Outreach and Assistance Division"

<http://www.adeg.state.ar.us/poa/>

I realize this is one of your divisions and it may not have anything to do with the above regulation change. It did come to mind that if any of the AR ADEQ Divisions would make the following their mission statement, I would hope all of the divisions would also want to help educate the public:

Mission Statement

“To seek and implement new and more efficient ways to utilize agency resources, enhance effectiveness and provide customers with **easy access to the information** and services of this agency.”

Also this one from your ADEQ main Website

<http://www.adeg.state.ar.us/Default.htm>

Mission Statement

“ADEQ protects the air, water and land from the threat of pollution. We strive for environmental quality through programs of regulation, **education** and assistance.”

By reading these Mission Statements it was encouraging to see at least your attentions appear to be the same goals as all of us. Inform the public, education and protection of the resources health of the State of Arkansas and hopefully it's people.

Educating the public to what may potentially impact them will help prevent the misunderstanding (**or fiasco**), that recently happened with the permitting of C&H Hog Farm. “Public Notice” is a form of **education**. I realize you met the current requirements of notification on the C&H deal. That is why I am asking you to be open with ALL the people of the state. This will help regain faith in several things and there won't be the rumors of the “45 day sweet deal”.

I am writing in support of educating the Arkansas public and taxpayers with more notice than the current requirement to search the Arkansas ADEQ. Many people in Arkansas don't have internet, maybe not a newspaper and live in remote areas or unable to get out for word of mouth updates. So please do the right thing to make the permit information available to all and this notification be issued no more than 30 days prior to submission of the Notice of Intent.

I do thank you for your time and help with this. It is very important, I feel.

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