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To the commissioners on the APC&E Board: I'm writing to voice my support of reg 6 to improve on the near-non-existent NOI requirement. By now all concerned with the placement of C&H Hog Farm in Mt. Judea have heard the stories of stealth, denial and outright prevarication associated with the building of that factory facility. Dr. John Ikert, Professor Emeritus, University of MO, has done extensive research on the growing environmental threat of CAFOs. Here is a quote from one of his papers ([//web.missouri.edu/ikerdj/papers/HogSummit.htm](http://web.missouri.edu/ikerdj/papers/HogSummit.htm)) (T)he greater the number of hogs concentrated in one place, the greater will be the risk to the natural environment, and ultimately, the greater the risk to human health. Large-scale confinement animal feeding operations are not "of farms" they are livestock factories. When hogs are raised on real farms, they are given sufficient space to move about, they spread their own waste " and with common sense management, don't pollute the groundwater or streams. When hogs are raised on real farms, they "osmell" but don't "ostink" " the difference being, "osmell" doesn't make people sick.... It's a matter of common sense. Certainly commercial hog producers have a right to pursue their economic self-interest in a free enterprise economy. But, they don't have a right to endanger the public health. "oPrivate property rights" have never included the right to benefit at your neighbor's expense. The "oRight to farm" has never included the right to operate an "oanimal feeding factory." The state and federal government agencies may feel compelled to wait for scientific proof, perhaps for a significantly large number of people to become disabled or die from hog related illnesses. But at the local level, people have the responsibility of ensuring that they and their neighbors don't become those public health statistics. He goes on to point out that corporations are not people. They exist only to create profits and grow. Their contractors, by proxy, must follow suit. The owners of C&H certainly demonstrated their willingness to forget about being good neighbors and focus only on their own best interests. And it is clearly Big Agri's intention to turn more farmers into contractors. At the very least, vastly improved NOI regulations would allow neighbors, communities and watershed stakeholders fair warning of what they are up against. I urge you to consider including a list serve opt-in option as well, and any other viable

way of making sure that all people who will be impacted by a factory farm in their neighborhood are informed of that possibility. Thank you for allowing me to comment.