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Hank Bates
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2800 Cantrel Rd Ste 510
Little Rock, AR 72202

Re: Notice of Draft Permit
Permit No.: 5264-W; AFIN 51-00164

Dear Mr. Bates:

This letter is to give notice that the Office of Water Quality of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has issued a draft permit decision for permit number 5264-W for C&H Hog Farms, Inc. for the storage and land application of liquid swine manure in accordance with APC&EC Regulation 5.

C&H Hog Farms, Inc.
HC 72 Box 2
Vendor, AR 72683

The enclosed public notice will be published on February 15, 2017 in the Newton County Times. A public hearing and meeting will be held on March 7, 2017. The attached public notice provides all necessary information as it relates to the application. A copy of the proposed draft permit may be found on the ADEQ's website at www.adeq.state.ar.us.

If after review of the attached public notice there are any questions concerning this submittal, please contact Katherine McWilliams of my staff at (501) 682-0651 or by email at mcwilliamsk@adeq.state.ar.us.

Sincerely,



Caleb J. Osborne
Associate Director, Office of Water Quality

Enclosure

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF DRAFT NO-DISCHARGE PERMIT
PERMIT NUMBER 5264-W
AFIN 51-00164**

This is to give notice that the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Office of Water Quality proposes a draft permit for which an application was received on April 7, 2016 with additional information received on June 29, 2016 for the following applicant under the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act.

Applicant: C&H Hog Farms, Inc., HC 72 Box 2, Vendor, AR 72683. Location: HC 72 Box 2; Latitude: 35° 55' 30.47" N Longitude: 93° 4' 18.42" W in Newton County. The land application sites are on numerous farm fields in Newton County. For a more detailed description of the locations for each land application site, refer to Part II of the draft permit, the Nutrient Management Plan, or information received June 29, 2016. These documents may be accessed by searching the permit number listed above at the following website:

<http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/home/pdssql/pds.aspx>

This draft permit is for the storage and land application of liquid waste from a swine facility in accordance with Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) Regulation 5.

ADEQ's contact person for submitting written comments, requesting information regarding the draft permit, or obtaining a copy of the permit and the Statement of Basis is Katherine McWilliams, at 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118-5317, (501) 682-0648, or at Water-Draft-Permit-Comment@adeq.state.ar.us. For those with internet access, a copy of the proposed draft permit may be found on the ADEQ's website at www.adeq.state.ar.us.

The last day of the comment period is 30 days after the publication date at 4:30 p.m. Central Time, which is on Friday, March 17, 2017. If the last day of the comment period is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the public comment period shall expire on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. For information regarding the actual publication date along with the actual date and time the comment period will end, please contact Katherine McWilliams at the above address and telephone number or by email at Water-Draft-Permit-Comment@adeq.state.ar.us. The staff member listed above may be contacted for the actual publication date and the exact date and time for the comment deadline.

Public Meeting and Hearing

A public meeting and hearing will be held March 7, 2017 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Central Time at the Jasper School District Cafetorium, 600 School Street, in Jasper, AR in Newton County to accept comments on the draft permit. Written and oral statements may be submitted regarding the draft permit to the Hearing Officer for consideration at the Public Hearing. In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, a decision may be made to postpone the hearing. If the hearing is postponed and rescheduled, a new legal notice will be published to announce the details of the new hearing date and comment period.

Comments and public hearing procedures may be found at Regulation No. 8 (Administrative Procedures). All persons, including the permittee, who wish to comment on ADEQ's draft decision to modify the permit must submit written comments to ADEQ, along with their name and mailing address. After the public comment period and public hearing, ADEQ will issue a final permitting decision. ADEQ will notify the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permitting decision. Any interested person who has submitted comments may appeal a final decision by ADEQ in accordance with the Regulation No. 8.