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Dear Ms M^cWilliams

This response to the letting of permit 5264-W concerning C and H Hog Farms, Inc., located in Newton County, is not intended to address the many scientifically based research issues which have been accumulated by various qualified experts. My address is morally and politically oriented.

The first point I make is simply why should an infinitely small percentage of people have the "right" to influence and basically force the vast majority of the populace to accept their premise of their "right" to dominate public opinion. Basically freedom is tethered to many and varied responsibilities which include sound husbandry of the land and public safety. Why should the Campbells and Hensons be

allowed to contaminate large areas of the surrounding private and public lands by their desire to enrich themselves by forcing everyone else to conform to their point of view. This is not "freedom", it is coercion and bullying to the ninth degree. If a person or entity cannot respect and acknowledge the results of their actions, they should not have the freedom to pursue said course of action. This is only "common sense".

Education plays a large role in making informed decisions, and obviously knowledge is either being denied or completely ignored in this instance.

Coming from a somewhat scientific background based on 4 1/2 years of college education in zoology coupled with 45 years of living in the outback, where I have been fortunate to experience first hand the extraordinary world we live in, it baffles me to see how or why people would abuse the land that they inhabit without any regard except for

how much money they can generate from the land. This is morally decadent to a high degree.

Simply to the principal of good stewardship of nature and the environment, permit 5264-W should definitely, irrevocably, be denied. In fact, the operation which Canal H cargo operates should be shut down and eliminated permanently since it is located in arguably one of the most sensitive environmental areas in the state.

As to the political side of the argument, the ADEQ should be required to DO THEIR JOB in a sound and responsible manner, or they should be recused from their input into this matter. Who is getting "paid off" and why is a precedence being established which is basically absurd to the extreme.

Like one man said, "water is our most precious resource, more precious than oil." The response was "you can't

eat water." This is not a valid argument, short sighted and selfish in itself. Pork isn't good for you in the extreme either.

I could go on and on for quite awhile, but will digress at this point. The permit 5264-W should be denied before a disaster of extreme magnitude occurs, if it already hasn't occurred.

This is not the American way. This is autocracy rearing its ugly head in a most poignant manner.

I protest vehemently,

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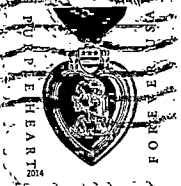
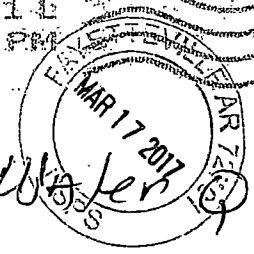
Food for Thought

1. Follow the DO RIGHT RULE
2. Respect nature and Environment
we have only one planet
to LIVE on.
3. Money is NOT the bottom
line. Good health and
peace of mind coupled with
a clear conscience counts
more than money.
4. Use common sense
a characteristic lacking
in today's world.

After witnessing as a high schooler
the mass deforestation in East Arkansas during
the early - mid 60's, then the attempt by the
Forest Service to defoliate with 245-T the hardwood
forest in the late 60's, early 70's, now this effort -
when does it STOP

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