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Sam D. Cooke
Friends of the North Fork & White Rivers
P.O. Box 61
Mountain Home, AR 72654

RE: C&H Hog Farms, Inc. Draft Permit Decision
Permit No.: 5264-W; AFIN 51-00164

Dear Mr. Cooke,

On June 3, 2016, the Department received an email requesting a public hearing for the above referenced permit modification. This letter is to inform you that 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. A copy of the public notice for the draft permit and public hearing is attached. For additional information regarding procedures, public hearings, and rights of the public, the Department encourages you to review APC&EC Regulation 8. This regulation is available on the ADEQ website at www.adeq.state.ar.us/regs.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If 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.