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Sam Cooke
Friends of the Rivers
P.O. Box 61
Mountain Home, AR 72654

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

Dear Mr. Cooke,

The Department received your request for a public hearing to be held on the above referenced permit's notice of application (published May 25, 2016 in the *Newton County Times*) and has determined that a public hearing will not be held at this time.

Any permitting action by the Department on the C&H Hog Farms, Inc. application is pending the ongoing waste lagoon integrity testing. When a proposed permitting decision is made, a public notice will be published and a public hearing will be held at the end of the 30-day public comment period. We believe that holding the hearing at this time allows for all parties, including the applicant, to review the technical information, data, and basis for the decision. You will be notified once the location, date, and time of the public hearing is established.

For further information regarding procedures, public hearings, and rights of the public, the Department encourages you to review APC&EC Regulation No. 8. This regulation is available on the ADEQ website at <https://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