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March 16, 2017

The Honorable Warren Campbell Newton County Judge P.O. Box 435 Jasper, AR 72641

Re: Comment Period Twenty Day Extension Permit No.: 5264-W; AFIN 51-00164

Dear Judge Campbell:

This letter is to give notice that the Director of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has granted a twenty-day extension for the comment period for draft permit number 5264-W for C&H Hog Farms, Inc in accordance with APC&EC Regulation 8.208(C). The comment period will end on April 6, 2017. The enclosed public notice will be published on March 17, 2017, in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette. 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 ADEQ's website at www.adeq.state.ar.us.

If there are any questions concerning the attached public notice, please contact Katherine McWilliams 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 EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD DRAFT NO-DISCHARGE PERMIT PERMIT NUMBER 5264-W AFIN <u>51-00164</u>

In accordance with APC&EC Regulation No. 8.208(C), this is to give notice that the Director of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Office of Water Quality has granted a twenty (20) day extension to the comment period for draft permit number 5264-W that was Public Noticed on February 15, 2017 with the comment period now ending on April 6, 2017 for the following applicant under the Arkansas Water and Pollution Control Act. ADEQ received requests for an extension from the public on March 14, 2017.

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) 682-0650, or at <u>Water-Draft-Permit-Comment@adeq.state.ar.us</u>. For those with internet access, a copy of the proposed draft permit may be found on the ADEQ's website at <u>www.adeq.state.ar.us</u>.

The comment period for the draft permit shall end on April 6, 2017 at 4:30 P.M. Central Time. 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 <u>Water-Draft-Permit-Comment@adeq.state.ar.us</u>. Comment 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 issue the permit, must submit written comments to ADEQ, along with their name and mailing address. After the public comment period, 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.