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RE: PUBLIC COMMENT OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS-PERMIT NUMBER ARG590000 C&H HOG FARM

To: ADEQ Office of Water Quality Permits Section at 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

To whom it may concern:

I appreciate ADEQ efforts for allowing this opportunity for public comment on the renewal of CAFO permit number ARG590000 ie; C&H Hog Farm. I encourage the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality to reissue this permit unchanged with the exception of the changes listed on page 2 of the CAFO General Permit Fact Sheet under section 2 Major changes from Previous Permit. These changes in Part 1.4.7 and Part 5 are excessive and unnecessary. The current State and Federal laws and regulations and your departments oversight are adequate to protect the natural resources of this great state while allowing Arkansans to provide a way of life and living and future for the owners of C&H.

I have witness over the past few years certain special self interest groups that have vilified the Campbell and the Henson families. These local multi-generational farmers have done nothing wrong except being born and raised and trying to make a living in Newton County. They have met and have gone above and beyond the required laws and regulations of their CAFO to show their commitment to their farming operations and to the local Mt Judea community and the environment in which these families also live in. They have invested their time and financial future into their hog farming operation and are being good citizens of this great state as well as a large tax payer to the local Mt Judea school system. They have added additional measure to help protect the environment as the same time to provide a living for their families as well as their employees of C&H Hag farm.

I again encourage the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality to reissue this permit.

Respectfully Submitted,

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