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Re: Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations General Permit Renewal ARG590000
C & H Hog Farms, Inc. (Permit Tracking Number **ARG590001**, AFIN **51-00164**)

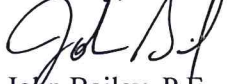
Dear Permittee:

This letter serves as your notification that the Renewal of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit ARG590000 for Eligible Operators of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) within the State of Arkansas, which the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has prepared under the authority of the NPDES and the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act was publicly noticed in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette on Tuesday, March 15, 2016. The current NPDES General Permit CAFO (ARG590000) remains in force and effect until the renewal becomes effective.

The public comment period began on the date of publication, March 15, 2016 and will end on April 14, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. A public hearing will be held on April 14, 2016 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. Enter the school building at the clock tower. A copy of the public notice is on the back of this correspondence. ADEQ's contact for submitting written comments, requesting information regarding the draft general permit, or obtaining hard copy of the general permit and the Fact Sheet is the Permits Branch, at the above address and telephone number below or by email at Water-Draft-Permit-Comment@adeq.state.ar.us. For those with Internet access, a copy of the proposed draft general permit may be found on the ADEQ's website at: http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/water/branch_permits/individual_permits/pn_permits/pnpermits.asp.

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,



John Bailey, P.E.
Senior Operations Manager
Office of Water Quality

Notice of Draft Renewal Permit and Public Hearing
NPDES General Permit ARG590000 for Eligible Operators of Concentrated Animal Feeding
Operations (CAFOs) within the State of Arkansas

This is to give notice that the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), Office of Water Quality, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118-5317 at telephone number (501) 682-0650, proposes a draft renewal of the general permit ARG590000 for the construction and operation of a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation as defined in Part 10 of the permit, except those facilities which are excluded in Part 1.4 of the general permit, located within the State of Arkansas under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act. Coverage under this permit authorizes the land application of manure, litter, or process wastewater and mortality management in accordance with a nutrient management plan. This permit also authorizes discharges from a wastewater storage lagoon only when a precipitation event meets or exceeds a 25-year, 24-hour rainfall event.

To submit written comments, request information regarding the draft general permit, or obtain a copy of the general permit and the Fact Sheet, contact the Permits Section at the above address and telephone number or by email at Water-Draft-Permit-Comment@adeq.state.ar.us.

A copy of the Draft General Permit, Public Notice, and Fact Sheet are available at the Department's website at the following web address by entering the permit number listed above:

http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/water/branch_permits/individual_permits/pn_permits/pnpermits.aspx.

The comment period shall end at 4:30 P.M. (Central Time) on April 14, 2016. Public notice, comments, and hearings will be conducted in accordance with Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) Regulation 6.104(A)(5) [40 CFR Parts 124.10 through 124.12 by reference] and APC&EC Regulation 8.209 and 8.210 (Administrative Procedures). All persons who wish to comment on ADEQ's draft permitting decision 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 applicants 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 APCEC Regulation No. 8.603.

Public Meeting and Hearing

A public meeting and hearing will be held April 14, 2016 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. Enter the school building at the clock tower. Written and oral statements may be submitted regarding the draft permit to the Hearing Officer for consideration at the Public Hearing. No additional public comments will be accepted upon adjourning the Public Hearing. If inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances develop, a decision may be made to postpone the meeting and 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.

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Becky W. Keogh, Director,
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality