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Department of Environmental Quality

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RE: ADEQ Decision Not to Renew ARG590000 (CAFO General Permit)

Dear Mr. Noland:

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has reached the final permitting decision not to renew the statewide general permit ARG590000 for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO). ADEQ determined a renewal of this CAFO General Permit is not warranted based on the limited use of this particular permitting option. Over the five-year period this CAFO permit has been available throughout Arkansas, only one facility, C&H Farms, Inc. in Newton County, Arkansas, has received coverage under the terms of this general permit.

On October 31, 2015, in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-203(m)(5)(A)(i), the Department public noticed a decision to renew the CAFO general permit. On March 15, 2016, the Department public noticed a draft general permit for public comment. The response to comments and the public notice related to this decision are enclosed.

If you have any questions regarding this decision, please contact Katherine McWilliams of the Permits Branch at 501-682-0648.

Sincerely,

Caleb J. Osborne

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Associate Director, Office of Water Quality

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Enclosures