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Subject: RE: NO Hog CAFO's in Arkansas
Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2013 11:20:00 AM

Ms. Masullo—

The Department thanks you for your comments regarding CAFOs.

Currently, there is only one CAFO facility permitted in Arkansas, ARG590001 AFIN 51-00164 C & H Hog Farms. The CAFO General Permit ARG590000 still stands for applicants to gain coverage under, but no other applicants have obtained coverage under it at this time.

The Department encourages you to speak with the APC&EC regarding CAFOs and what steps you can take to protect your local environment. We also would encourage you to take part in the permitting process if any CAFO were to apply for permits in your area or around the state.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

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Subject: NO Hog CAFO's in Arkansas

Dear ADEQ,
Here is a copy of a letter sent to APC and E. I also look forward to your response.

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you to express my concern about all large hog facilities in Arkansas. These operations of large capacity should not be classified as farms but as factories and therefore be subject to more strident pollution control.

I refer you to the Pew Trust 2008, two and a half year intensive study of Industrial Scale Farm Animal Production (IFAP), another term for CAFO. Pew partnered with the [Johns Hopkins School of Public Health](#) to establish the independent National Commission on Industrial Farm Animal Production. The commission's goal was to conduct an assessment of the impact of the industry on public health, the environment, animal welfare and rural communities.

This study concluded that," The current IFAP system often poses unacceptable risks to public health, the environment." John Carlin former governor of Kansas and chairman of the Pew Commission IFAP study states, " I believe that the IFAP system was first developed simply to help increase farmer productivity. Regardless, the negative effects are real and must be addressed." For more information, visit the [Pew Commission on Farm Animal Production Web site](http://www.ncifap.org/) (<http://www.ncifap.org/>.)

The State of Arkansas could learn form other states who have experienced adverse affects. I offer just a few of many well-documented examples in the attached page.

There is only one Arkansas. Please act now to prevent the damage that could be done to our Natural State by these large hog CAFO's. We won't get a second chance. Your children and grandchildren will thank you. Ask yourself would I wan to live next door to a large swine facility.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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