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Ms. Linda Newkirk
State Executive Director
Farm Service Agency
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Federal Building, Room 3416
700 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

RE: Newton County – General
Section 106 Review – FSA
Proposed C&H Hog Farms, Inc. Project
in Newton County, Arkansas
AHPP Tracking Number 82772

Dear Ms. Newkirk:

This is a letter of inquiry regarding the nature, scope, and size of the proposed C&H Hog Farms, Inc. project in Newton County, Arkansas. Since our April 11, 2013 letter to you regarding this undertaking, a number of concerned citizens have contacted our office claiming that the project is much larger than the hog farm construction site (approximately 23 acres) that we reviewed on July 17, 2012. Therefore, please provide a detailed project description, a 1:24,000 scale USGS topographic map clearly delineating the project area, and clear color photographs of any standing structures that would be removed or demolished or are located adjacent to the project.

The area of potential effects (APE) as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.16(d) should include all areas that have the potential to directly or indirectly cause alteration in the character of historic properties. In this undertaking, the APE should include the hog farm construction site, lagoons or holding tanks, and the area proposed for land application of hog waste.

Thank you in advance for providing this additional information. If you have any questions, please contact George McCluskey of my staff at (501) 324-9880.

Sincerely,

Martha Miller
State Historic Preservation Officer

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