

April 16, 2015

To: Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality

Attn: Permits Branch

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From: Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation

Mr. Evan A. Teague, P.E.

Director, Environmental & Regulatory Affairs

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Re: C&H Hog Farms - Modification of Nutrient Management Plan

To whom it may concern:

The Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation thanks the Department for the opportunity to participate in this process. We support the changes proposed to C&H Hog Farms' nutrient management plan to allow land application of wastewater from Waste Storage Pond 2 via tanker wagon.

The requested modification is a standard and widely accepted method of performing manure applications. Similar changes were approved in June 2014. It was an oversight that this was not included as part of those NMP modifications. This modification will not change the requirement that manure applications be performed according to NPM requirements. Therefore, this modification poses no additional environmental risk.

The Department has bent over backward to accommodate this farm's opponents' desire for transparency. We encourage the Department to approve the requested modification without delay so that this farm family can get on with managing their farm and living their lives as normally as possible considering the circumstances.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Evan A. Teague, P.E.

From: <u>Evan.Teague@arfb.com</u>

To: <u>Water Draft Permit Comments</u>

Subject: Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation"s Comments on C&H Hog Farms Permit Modification

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Attachments: ARFB Comment on Lagoon 2 & Manure Truck 04-16-15.pdf

The Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation's comments regarding the proposed modifications to C&H Hog Farms' nutrient management plan are attached.

Please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,

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