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From: Shafii, Mo
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2015 12:30 PM
To: McWilliams, Katherine
Subject: FW: C & H Hog Factory

I don’t know if this was intended to be a complaint or comment on the revision to the WMP.
Thanks.
Ellen

From: Harrelson, Tammy
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2015 9:06 PM
To: Carpenter, Ellen
Subject: FW: C & H Hog Factory

I’m going through old emails and sorting them. Am pretty sure we forwarded this, but just wanted you to have it for your files. 😊

From: Braun, Heinz
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2015 12:56 PM
To: Keogh, Becky; Harrelson, Tammy
Subject: FW: C & H Hog Factory

Becky your email address was wrong on the original so I just noticed it and wanted to make sure you get this. Senator Pryors wasn’t right either but I figured if you wanted to you could forward it to him.

From: Braun, Heinz
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2015 12:52 PM
To: ‘Carol Bitting’; Becky Keogh; Bailey, John
Cc: Senator Pryor
Subject: RE: C & H Hog Factory

We will handle the odor complaint. Air has no knowledge of any of the other information requested

From: Carol Bitting [mailto:lcbitting@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 1:06 PM
To: Becky Keogh; Braun, Heinz; Bailey, John
Dear ADEQ,  

I am sending to several departments due to the different questions and the air complaint. I was not certain whom to address.  

April 1st was a week mixed with rain, heavy clouds and beautiful sunshine. Living 8 miles NW of C & H Hog Farms wasn’t a pleasant experience on 3 of the days, March 29-31st. The smell of hogs under the inversion layer made my morning’s outside difficult to complete. I was enjoying the evening on two nights outside when suddenly the air was filled with putrid hog smell.  

This week Sunday April 5th and Monday the 6th were also interrupted with the putrid odor of swine.  

I am also writing in regards to the spreading of hog waste on several fields that are continually used. These fields are fields 13, 15, 16 and 17. The fields closest to the school Field 3 & 9 are being sprayed continually during school hours, the wind has been gusting and there has been continual showers. The children are complaining that the hog farm stinks and that they can't play outside because it stinks so badly, but while at school they have no choice.  

We know that the winds are predominantly out of the SW and that the school is NE of nearly all of the Fields mentioned above. The children have no choice but to breathe the poisonous gasses from the swine feces. Flies are increasing and the close proximity of C & H swine factory with its never ending disposal of swine feces near their homes and playground is exposing them and their bodies to what could be life long health issues.  

Can you tell me which field Billy Cheatam owns? He has a blank signed agreement. Robby Fludd is receiving waste and may manage or own some fields already in the lease. Also Can you tell me which field or fields would be his?  

I spoke with James Campbell who owns 24 acres and signed a lease with C & H prior to June of last year. There has not been a modification for this additional field. James’ field was sprayed June 20th, 2014. That field is included in Field 9. I noticed a new access has been built to access Field 9 through Charles Campbell’s land instead of across James Campbell’s land. Can another person have your field sprayed for you?  

I spoke with Charles Campbell and asked had anyone contacted him about the U of A study that was being performed in Big Creek. Mr Campbell owns land that adjoins Big Creek and is a major owner of other fields that are leased to C & H such as Field 3, 8, 9, 10 and 13. He was unaware and asked who would have requested access to his properties for the study. He denied being contacted by either C & H owners or Andrew Sharpely's team. His home is the first house on the left after crossing the Big Creek bridge, next to Sexton Cemetery.  

I also know the Field 5A Andrew Sharpely studied is 1/2 mile north of any leased spraying field listed in the NMP. The owner of this field, Susan Haddock, would like a lease but that NMP modification hasn't been requested. Why he is studying a field so far and out of the likelihood of any swine run off is questioning.  

I have asked other questions but received no answers but would like to know these answers so I can prepare my letter for public comment period on the use of Pond 2 by vac tanker.  

In Andrew Sharpely's report there is reference to the top water from Pond 2 being used to wash the barns then it returns to Pond 1. Would this not be a way of disposing Pond 2 on the Fields, by-passing Section M and the need for NMP change?  

I am confused why we are making comments to an already flawed and inaccurate NMP. Shouldn't the owners of C & H have all the corrections previously noticed completed before we begin anymore adjustments to the pollution permit?  

Sincerely,
Carol Bitting
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