



August 6, 2015

To: Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Permits Branch
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From: Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation
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Re: C&H Hog Farms CAFO Permit Modification
Installation of Synthetic Liners, Cover and Methane Flare

To whom it may concern:

The Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation welcomes the opportunity to comment on the installation of synthetic liners, cover and methane flare to C&H Hog Farms' manure storage ponds. While we believe that the addition of synthetic liners is not necessary, we support Cargill's and the owners of C&H Hog Farms efforts to placate their opponents.

The existing liners are constructed with 18" of compacted clay and are 50 percent thicker than required. These existing compacted clay liners are performing as designed. This fact is supported by the ongoing research being performed by the Big Creek Research & Extension Team. The installation of synthetic liners over the already over designed compacted clay liners should all but eliminate any seepage potential.

The addition of the cover and methane flare to Waste Storage Pond 1 will further reduce odors below the current levels being achieved as a result of proactive measures implemented by C&H. Flaring the captured gases will also reduce the farm's carbon footprint by converting greenhouse gases into less reactive forms.

This farm family continues to go above and beyond to address its opposition's concerns. We encourage the Department to approve the requested modifications and allow this farm family to get on with managing their farm and living their lives.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Evan A. Teague". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Evan A. Teague, P.E.

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Attachments: [ARFB - Comments on Synthetic Liners, Cover & Flare 08-06-15.pdf](#)

Please find attached the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation's comments supporting the installation of synthetic liners, cover and flare to C&H Hog Farms manure storage ponds.

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