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I am submitting this on behalf of Randy Veach of Manila, president of Arkansas Farm Bureau.

I am writing in support of C&H Hog Farm's request to further enhance the environmental safeguards on their farm in Newton County.

The owners of the farm are seeking to supplement their on-farm safety measures by installing synthetic liners over the compacted clay in their waste storage ponds. The farmers had initially over-engineered the storage ponds with 18 inches of compacted clay, and now want to add the synthetic liners to further protect the environment.

Additionally, they are hoping to add a cover over the storage ponds, along with a methane flare, to help capture and disperse odor-causing gases.

While ongoing research conducted by top scientists from the University of Arkansas has reviewed the practices utilized by C&H Hog Farm, there is no evidence of environmental harm, despite the very public and repetitive complaints from environmental activists.

We believe that agricultural and environmental concerns can co-exist, especially when managed efficiently and effectively by family farmers like those involved with C&H Hog Farm.

Again, we support their right to farm and encourage acceptance by ADEQ of these adjustments to their management plans.

Sincerely,

Randy Veach, Manila
President
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Sent from my iPhone