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April 13, 2015

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)
Water Division
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118-5317

Re: Notice of Intent (NOI) and revised Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)
from C & H Hog Farm

Dear Sirs:

As a neighbor within smelling distance of C & H Hog Farm I am totally against the NMP's being modified to allow land application of wastewater from Waste Storage Pond 2 via tanker wagon. Since this hog farm has commenced operations the stench from it has been horrible. Prior to this point Newton County had the sweetest and purest air imaginable. Now, on many days there is a terrible smell in the vicinity of the hog farm, including the town of Mt. Judea and its schools as well as Vendor, where I live. Further surface application of wastewater is sure to make the stench even worse.

In various studies potent smells from factory hog farms in other states have been linked to health problems, including respiratory, higher blood pressure, allergies, depression and irritability. That is an intolerable burden that should not be forced on innocent citizens and their children. We already have a much lower quality of life because of the C & H Hog Farm. Can you imagine having to hold your breath because of the smell when you walk outside? We cannot sit in our yards, hang up laundry outside or open our windows to enjoy the sweet air. My dear husband is buried in Sexton Cemetery, yet when I visit his grave I often cannot stay as long as I would like because of the stench from the nearby hog farm. It is as if this factory hog farm owns and controls the air on other properties.

If the smell is offensive to us, many of whom have raised hogs on family farms, it would be even more so to the tourists that Newton Countians depend on economically. Hwy 123 near the hog farm is a favorite motorcycle route but if they have to ride through holding their noses they will choose a different ride next time. This will also make property values in our area plummet. Would you want to buy a home where it stinks like this? No, you would choose somewhere else for you and your family.

Also there is the danger of the wastewater leaching through the soil causing contamination of the groundwater. There is no provision in the revised NMP of how C & H Hog Farm plans to deal with this. It is certainly too big a risk due to our porous rock formation especially for our extremely precious National Buffalo River. Again, this river is important equally for its beauty and natural resources including fishing as well as the

economic impact on our area.

In closing, whether a local resident or a tourist enjoying Newton County near Mt. Judea, there is already often an intolerable stench from the C & H Hog Farm. Allowing land application of wastewater from Waste Storage Pond 2 via tanker wagon will make this problem even worse, impacting health, quality of life, local tourism, economy and natural resources. Therefore I am emphatically against the revised NMP and urge the ADEQ to deny it.

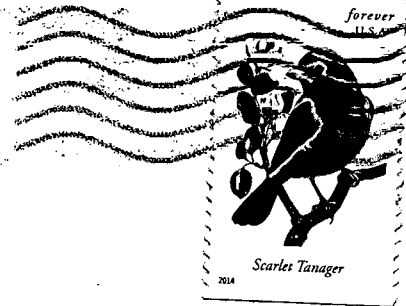
Sincerely yours,

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