To ADEQ:

This comment is in regard to the modification that would allow C&H to use a tanker truck to dispose of waste from pond #2. Currently they are only allowed to use a sprinkler system (which they do not have operational) for pond 2 and a tanker truck on pond #1

I would like to point out that there are a number of concerns that impact this modification.

First, C&H should have not been established in a karst topography.

No modifications to the permit should be allowed until numerous, ongoing mapping and land ownership errors are corrected. These maps and contracts identify where waste is to be applied.

Dye tracing studies have confirmed the numerous statements by geologists that the C&H hog factory should not be introducing raw sewage into karst topography.

Spraying untreated sewage within a community where some residents rely on wells for drinking water, where a school is in close proximity to spray fields, and where thousands of visitors come to swim, canoe, and fish is creating a public health issues.

And finally, based on the recent federal court ruling that requires a redo of the “cursory and flawed” Environmental Assessment of C&H, it is hard to understand how ADEQ can approve this or any other permit modification. By approving this modification request, ADEQ would be saying that C&H can continue in the face of the court ruling, the scientific research, and public concerns.

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