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September 18, 2015

Katherine McWilliams
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RE: 3540-WR-7

Dear Ms. McWilliams:

We appreciate the notice that the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has received an application to modify permit number 3540-WR-7 to land apply swine waste only in accordance with APC&EC Regulation 5.

We request ADEQ hold a public meeting regarding the permitting of EC Farms to spread waste from C&H Hog Farm, Inc. There is probably more public interest and controversy surrounding C&H than any other agricultural facility in the State of Arkansas. Most of this interest and controversy is the result of the location of this facility. Except for one small field, all of the waste application fields EC Farms proposes to utilize are in the Buffalo River watershed. Over one-third of the spreading field acreage is on karst. Holding a public hearing for EC Farms seems to be a prudent action for your agency to take.

Sincerely,

Kevin G. Cheri
Superintendent

Cc: EPA Region 6
Arkansas Department of Health

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