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March 16, 2017

Richard H. Mays
115 South Third Street, Suite A-2
Heber Springs, AR 72543

RE: Comment Period Twenty Day Extension
Permit No.: 5264-W; AFIN 51-00164

Dear Mr. Mays:

The Department received multiple requests for an extension of the comment period for draft permit number 5264-W for C&H Hog Farms. This letter is to inform you the Director of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality has granted a twenty (20) day extension of the comment period in accordance with APC&EC Regulation 8.208(C). The decision will be public noticed in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette on March 17, 2017. A copy of the public notice is attached. For additional information regarding procedures, public hearings, and rights of the public, the Department encourages you to review APC&EC Regulation 8. This regulation is available on the ADEQ website at www.adeq.state.ar.us/regs.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If there are any questions concerning this submittal, please contact Katherine McWilliams at (501) 682-0651 or by email at mcwilliamsk@adeq.state.ar.us.

Sincerely,



Caleb J. Osborne
Associate Director, Office of Water Quality

Enclosure

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD
DRAFT NO-DISCHARGE PERMIT
PERMIT NUMBER 5264-W AFIN 51-00164**

In accordance with APC&EC Regulation No. 8.208(C), this is to give notice that the Director of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Office of Water Quality has granted a twenty (20) day extension to the comment period for draft permit number 5264-W that was Public Noticed on February 15, 2017 with the comment period now ending on April 6, 2017 for the following applicant under the Arkansas Water and Pollution Control Act. ADEQ received requests for an extension from the public on March 14, 2017.

Applicant: C&H Hog Farms, Inc., HC 72 Box 2, Vendor, AR 72683. Location: HC 72 Box 2; Latitude: 35° 55' 30.47" N Longitude: 93° 4' 18.42" W in Newton County. The land application sites are on numerous farm fields in Newton County. For a more detailed description of the locations for each land application site, refer to Part II of the draft permit, the Nutrient Management Plan, or information received June 29, 2016. These documents may be accessed by searching the permit number listed above at the following website:

<http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/home/pdssql/pds.aspx>

This draft permit is for the storage and land application of liquid waste from a swine facility in accordance with Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) Regulation 5.

ADEQ's contact person for submitting written comments, requesting information regarding the draft permit, or obtaining a copy of the permit and the Statement of Basis is Katherine McWilliams, at 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118-5317, (501) 682-0650, or at Water-Draft-Permit-Comment@adeq.state.ar.us. For those with internet access, a copy of the proposed draft permit may be found on the ADEQ's website at www.adeq.state.ar.us.

The comment period for the draft permit shall end on April 6, 2017 at 4:30 P.M. Central Time. For information regarding the actual publication date along with the actual date and time the comment period will end, please contact Katherine McWilliams at the above address and telephone number or by email at Water-Draft-Permit-Comment@adeq.state.ar.us. Comment procedures may be found at Regulation No. 8 (Administrative Procedures). All persons, including the permittee, who wish to comment on ADEQ's draft decision to issue the permit, must submit written comments to ADEQ, along with their name and mailing address. After the public comment period, ADEQ will issue a final permitting decision. ADEQ will notify the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permitting decision. Any interested person who has submitted comments may appeal a final decision by ADEQ in accordance with the Regulation No. 8.