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Dear Mr. Allen, Ms. Jones, Mr. Nye, and Mr. Gordon:

Thank you for your letter dated December 8, 2015, expressing your concerns regarding the Plasma Arc Pyrolysis unit located at C&H Hog Farms in Newton County, Arkansas. We appreciate you taking the time to bring these concerns to our attention and understand that you have also shared your concerns to the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ).

We have been in contact with ADEQ regarding C&H Hog Farms about the Plasma Arc Pyrolysis unit, and ADEQ has assured us they are continuing to monitor the testing process and potential operation of the unit at the Newton County location. ADEQ has also indicated they will be providing a response to your December 8, 2015 letter regarding their ongoing review of the proposed operations at the C&H location. If based on further review or future testing it is determined that a permit is required to authorize the operation of the Plasma Arc Pyrolysis unit, ADEQ would be the permitting authority for the unit.

Again, we appreciate your interest in this issue. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please contact Mr. Jeff Robinson, Air Permits Section Chief, at (214) 665-7250.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Hansen".

Mark Hansen
Associate Director for
Air Programs