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## **Independent Drilling Study at C&H Hog Farms Wraps Up**

**NORTH LITTLE ROCK** – The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) drilling activities at C&H Hog Farms near Mt. Judea have come to a close. Field work was completed by Harbor Environmental and Safety on Monday, September 26, 2016.

The team from Cascade Drilling, under the direction of Harbor, completed drilling activities on Friday, September 23, after reaching a total depth of 120 feet. They began the process of cementing the borehole consistent with the requirements of the Drilling Study Work Plan. The drillers were unable to finish cementing the borehole on Friday, September 23, and returned to the site at 1:00 p.m., Monday, September 26, to finish the final plug.

**ADEQ Director Becky Keogh issued the following statement:**

*“I am pleased to announce the successful completion of all field work for the C&H Hog Farms Drilling Study. I look forward to receiving the results of the laboratory analysis and geotechnical report in the coming weeks, but I recognize sound scientific analysis that meets our high standards for quality assurance and quality control will take time.*”

*I appreciate the excellent work by Harbor Environmental and their team. I also want to acknowledge the dedication of our ADEQ staff involved in this project and thank them for their tireless efforts on behalf of all Arkansans.”*

Soil and water samples were collected in accordance with the Drilling Study Work Plan and have been distributed to designated laboratories. The sample cores from the borehole have been secured in the Arkansas Geological Survey warehouse in Little Rock. Validated laboratory results and analysis will require approximately six weeks, and Harbor anticipates submitting a final findings report to ADEQ by January 2017.

Information on the drilling is on the ADEQ website at [www.adeg.state.ar.us](http://www.adeg.state.ar.us).

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