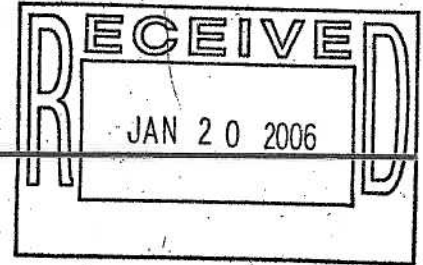


RECEIVED



2006 FEB -2 AM 8:54
INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION
Union County Conservation District
155 North 15th Street, Lewisburg, PA 17837
Phone (570) 524-3860 Fax (570) 524-3873

January 12, 2006

Johan Berger
Pa. Dept. of Agriculture
Bureau of Plant Industry
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, Pa. 17110-9408

Re: Commercial Manure Broker and Hauler Certification program

Dear Mr. Berger,

On behalf of the Union County Conservation District Board of Directors, I respectfully request that the comment period for the above referenced proposed regulations be extended for an additional 60 day period. This would allow time for a thorough review by the Board, and subsequently create an opportunity for more thoughtful comments. The allowable timetable as it exists is not adequate for our board and many others to formulate comments that ultimately may produce a better end product.

We appreciate the Department's effort in developing regulations that are critical to managing manure resources wisely. If you have any questions regarding this request or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at the District office.

Sincerely,

William H. Deitrick
District Manager