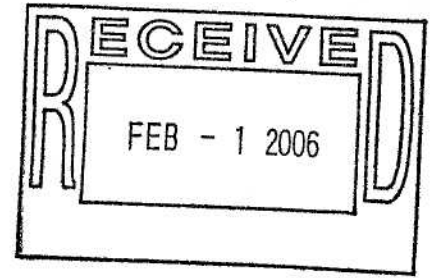


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Johan Berger
Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture
Commercial Manure Broker and Hauling Program
2301 North Cameron St.
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Dear Mr. Berger:

In 1993 we sold our farm equipment and transferred the operation of the farm over to our daughter and son-in-law. On December, 2003, we finalized the move by selling them the farm. Instead of struggling with labor problems, workmen's compensation, health care, high costs of maintenance of machinery, etc. they chose to use custom operators for most of their cropping and manure disposal.

So far this has worked out very well. However, they are facing some bleak news from their manure hauler who sees the high costs for certification of suggested regulations for manure haulers for both he and his drivers which will have to be passed onto the users of this service.

The strange thing about this is that generally our son-in-law and probably most farmers who use a manure hauling service will ride along for the first load to instruct the proper amount and placement of the manure according to their manure management plan.

I do not believe the high costs of registration is warranted and I see no reason for every employee to be certified. The commercial hauler who does our farm is a fairly small operator and utilizes his own family for haulers.

I am asking you to please review and consider some of these facts before finalizing your regulations for commercial manure haulers.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles E. Benner".

Charles E. Benner

cc: Senator John Gordner
Representative Russell Fairchild
Dennis Wolff, Pa. Sec'y of Agriculture

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