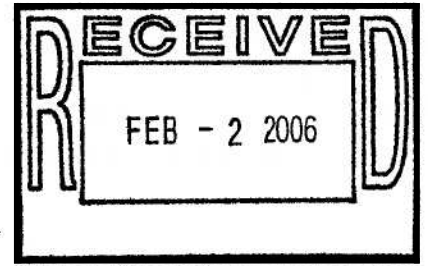
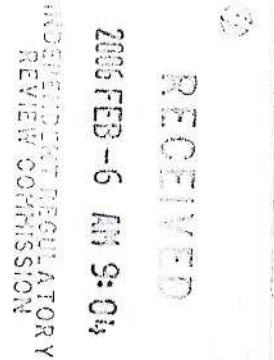


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Johan Berger  
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Dear Mr Berger

I am writing to oppose the proposed regulations stated in the PA Bulletin, Dec. 17 2005 concerning commercial manure haulers. The proposed regulations will impose undo burdens on commercial haulers maybe even driving some out of business.

Pennsylvania farmers will ultimately pay a higher price for service if haulers are still available in their area.

The proposed requirement that each employee must be certified is troubling in that hauling is somewhat seasonal and employees might not be full time. The owners and managers of these business must be ready to haul on short notice when weather and customers demand.

Again I oppose the proposed regulations for commercial manure haulers/brokers.

Sincerely  
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