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To: The Environmental Quality Board
Ref: NDPES/WQM Permit Fees

Dear sirs:

I am an operator of a family farm currently operating under a CAFO permit. I am commenting on DEP's proposed change to NDPS/WQM permit fees. Increased permitting fees will prompt me to decrease the number of animals on the farm so that I can avoid CAFO classification and thus the permit fees. I know of two operations similar to mine that have already declassified to avoid fees and hassle. As I see it, adding more fees will make farmers look harder for ways to bypass them and will not be as ready to comply with regulations. --Jason