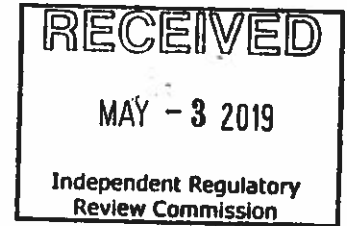


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To Whom This May Concern,

This letter is to inform DEP of our objection to the proposed fee increases. We have two pullet chicken houses on contract basis with Dutchland Farms. House #1 was built in 1979 and house #2 was built in 1984.

Besides Social Security and a small pension plan for one spouse, this is our only source of income. The income from the pullet houses depends if the company has flocks. There are times when we may be empty for two or more months and then we get no income but we still have keep the houses in good shape.

It is common knowledge that things are dire for most farmers at the present time. We know some farmers don't follow rules, but we try to do everything the proper way. We were just visited by a DEP representative last week and she said everything was fine.

We feel another increase in our farm practice is not in order and will be another hardship in the industry. We ask that this fee increase does not happen. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Earl & Joan Ebling