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**Re: eComment System**

The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: WQM and NPDES Permit Application Fees and Annual Fees (#7-533)(correction to Table in § 91.22(a) published April 6, 2019; 49 Pa.B. 1665).

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I wish voice my opposition regarding the increased CAFO/WQM fee increases. The farm economy is really struggling at this time, and these fee increases will place a heavy burden on family farms. Agricultural operations that are required to have CAFO permits in PA are either dairy operations, or are raising livestock under contract and have no way of passing these extra fees in the cost of their product, and will therefore be less profitable. Example: a municipal sewage authority would simply raise the fees they charge their customers.

On my farm, I have been trying to be a good sterwart of our land, and doing my part to improve water quality. I have been 100% notill for approxiamately 20 yrs. I have installed terraces and some grassed waterways. Forested buffers have been planted along the streams running through our farm. For the last two years, I have had the manure injected when it was applied.

Its very discouraging as farmer who has tried to protect and improve his land while trying to have a profitable operation. In addition to the fees required to write and develop the plans for the CAFO permit, DEP will now need \$9000 over the term of my 5 yr CAFO permit to make sure I am doing my part to improve water quality and the enviroment.

Thank you for your consideration.

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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