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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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Comments entered:

We are a third generation dairy farm here in PA and we oppose the DEP's proposed change to the NPDES/WQM permit fees. Our cost of production has been higher than what we are being paid for for our product. We have no control over how much we are getting paid for our product and we feel its unjust to put these fees in place in an already challenging agricultural environment.

As if we don't have enough to worry about, between weather, tariffs, animal activists, rising costs, and other over regulations you are now proposing this increase of fees on us. Where do you propose farmers to find this extra money?

We (as well as many other farmers we know) have implemented conservation practices that we are not required to, but we go above and beyond what is required of us. We do these things because we believe in sustainability and preserving our land for future generations to come. The cost of a lot of these practices come out of our own pockets and not always government subsidys. Farmers know how to stretch a dollar and it's about time the government should learn how to do the same.

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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