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RE: comments to DEP's proposed change to NPDES/WQM permit fees

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express opposition to the CAFO fee increases being proposed.

Our family owns and operates a CAFO farming operation. There is already a huge cost to complying with the many regulations on modern family farms with increased paperwork and administration. These fee increases serve to compound the challenges farmers face and create additional financial burdens on family farms.

Our family operates farming operations in two additional states. Both of those states have with no fees for CAFO operations. Pennsylvania DEP currently burdens farms with CAFO fees.

DEP should not proceed with the proposal to double these fees with additional increases in future.

Farmers cannot pass these fees along to customers like some municipal authorities.

This increase would serve as one more example of how the Commonwealth of PA is creating an unfriendly business environment by unduly burdening small business and family farms. The commonwealth would be better served by having DEP working creatively to enhance the environment for farms, creating a better environment to operate and thus allowing for better management practices to be installed. This would help to advance the goals most citizens have in common of clean water and good environmental practices.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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