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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).

Commenter Information:

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, PA US

Comments entered:

Thanks for reading my comments concerning the proposed NPDES fee changes.

LaMar Troup

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These links provide access to the attachments provided as part of this comment.

Comments Attachment: [7-533 LTroupDEP050819.pdf](#)

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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BDS Farms LLC
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Dear Sirs:

I am writing to express my opinion concerning the DEP fees for the NPDES permit and the ongoing escalation of Government regulations and their continued increases in fees to farmers. So far it seems like taxation without representation. The original idea and formation of the DEP was a good and necessary idea but then like many Government agencies, it became too large and out of control.

We have raised pigs for 27 years so we are very aware of the narrow margin of profit that exists. We gross about \$13.00 per head on a contract basis; however after insurance, taxes, building maintenance, other fees like NMP and labor, we net about \$3.00 per pig. That means we need to raise 500 pigs just to paid for the NPDES permit per year. DEP has also made the NPDES application so complicated that I will probably have to hire someone to help with the permit at some cost. The whole process is trending toward everyone wanting to become a vegetarian.

What is this proposed deal to have an annual raise built into the NPDES fees. Pig raising did not come with a proposed raise in the 27 year that we have been raising pigs. They have no review like most jobs require. They just assume they are doing a good job and therefore merit a raise – hogwash!!

Thanks for hearing my comments.

Cc: PA Farm Bureau

Sincerely,

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