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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:**

These are our comments to DEP's proposed changes to NPDES/WQM permit fees. We are against the CAFO permit and renewal fee's that are proposed by DEP. Farms and farmers are constantly being charged for fees and cost of living increases and we have no way to pass on our expenses. This is squeezing the farms financially and the only option is to stop farming. If you automatically increase the permit fees every two years based on the percentage increase in labor costs, can you guarantee that our labor will be paid by an increased percentage? NO! The prices we receive do not increase for our products. We are at the mercy of markets and political bargaining. What good will it be to keep charging exorbitant fees and eliminate the farms and operations and stop the food supply? Dennis and Barbara Mattern

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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