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Mr. James Therriault
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Dear Mr. Therriault,

I'm writing in support of the rules outlined in R2012-023 and encourage the Illinois Pollution Control Board to maintain the stringent regulation of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations.

Specific aspects of R2012-023 that must be preserved include the following:

- CAFOs lacking NPDES permits must provide the EPA with information establishing the 1) identity of their operator, 2) location, 3) number and type of livestock, 4) types of animal holding areas and 5) types and capacity of waste storage structures.
- Reducing the frequency of and tightening requirements surrounding winter application of livestock waste.
- Improving land application requirements to reduce the probability of waterway and groundwater contamination from livestock waste.
- Improving production area requirements to protect U.S. waters and institutionalize routine inspections for leaks, discharges and other problems.
- Tightening regulation of temporary manure stacks to prevent leaching into groundwater and runoff into waterways.

TO IMPROVE THESE RULES, the Pollution Control Board could insist on facility siting setbacks to increase distance from surface waters.

CAFOs dot the Illinois landscape and compromise the health of our environment and neighbors. I urge you to defend the advances achieved by these strong rules and to continue to strive for better environmental protections in the future.

Sincerely,

Jolene McKay

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