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Subject: Submittal of public comment for Ms. Joan Wallace on CAFO Rulemaking R2012-023A
Attachments: JWallace R2012-023A IPCB CAFO Rulemaking Comments .pdf

Dear Mr. Therriault:

Please find the attached public comment I am submitting for Ms. Joan Wallace of Galena, Illinois for the CAFO rulemaking (R2012-023A).

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely:

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RE: CAFO Rulemaking Case #2012-023A

Dear Members of the Board:

I greatly appreciate the new Clean Water Act regulations for factory farms in Illinois that you have enacted thus far. However, the issue of reporting for all unpermitted large factory farms needs to be addressed. Hopefully, this matter will be favorably remedied also.

CAFOs are a significant cause of water pollution in Illinois and stronger regulations are needed.

- Currently, the only CAFOs that are regulated by the IEPA's permitting program are those that have already caused pollution, which means the damage is already done by the time the agency steps in.
- IEPA does not have an adequate accounting of unpermitted CAFOs in Illinois and doesn't even know where many are located and therefore the agency cannot adequately regulate them.
- The IEPA needs to create a comprehensive inventory of CAFOs so they have the ability to regulate them and evaluate which ones should have permits. The only way to do this without wasting valuable taxpayer dollars is to require CAFOs to report information to the agency through a reporting program.
- Enacting a reporting program is a common sense approach and there is no justifiable reason why CAFOs should not have to submit basic information about their operations to regulators. What is there to hide?

Thank you for all your good work.

Sincerely:

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