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Illinois Pollution Control Board R12-23 (Rulemaking Water) at 10 AM  
Highland Community College Campus, Elizabeth, Illinois

My name is Dan Bonnet and I live and farm in Jo Daviess and Stephenson counties. I raised livestock for over 20 years. I have also managed the liquid manure from my hogs. It is a valuable resource to use as fertilizer if used correctly. Overspreading causes the soil to get saturated to the point of leaching down into the groundwater and possibly into our streams, especially after a heavy rain.

Large CAFOs have many times mismanaged millions of gallons of waste they generate by the reports that I have heard and read. The EPA needs to know where these facilities are and what their waste management plan is so they can do a better job preventing the water pollution that occurs from them. They also need to document the waste that leaves the property. When the waste is spread they should be required to stay farther away from any water sources that could get contaminated. There should be no spreading of waste on frozen ground especially hillsides covered with ice or snow. A hard rain easily washes it down into a ditch or creek. This is what happened on a large CAFO near me.

All large CAFOs should be made to follow the same environmental standards as the ones that need to have Clean Water Act permits.

The demand for land to spread all this waste on has caused land prices to skyrocket near them. Land in Northwest IA recently sold for over \$20,000 per acre! There is no way a farmer my size or a beginning farmer can afford to pay that much for farm ground!

Large CAFOs put burdens on other farmers because of the market advantages they have. The majority of farmers are not large CAFOs. These regulations will not cause hardships on the CAFO's bottom line. It will make it fairer for those of us that do care about our water and take precautions to keep it safe and clean. They should be held to the same standards.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to voice my concerns. Please do your job of keeping all of our water safe and clean.

Thank You.

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