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Dear Commentors:

This letter is in response to comments received by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) regarding the proposed Ratio, LLC, swine operation in Hand County. Thank you all for your comments.

DENR received an application from the proposed facility for coverage under the General Water Pollution Control Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations. The department issued public notices for Ratio, LLC's proposed animal feeding operations on July 30, 2019 and August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to the One Stop Public Notice website. A processing error caused the notices to not be published in *The Miller Press*, so the notice was published to *The Miller Press* and again on the department's One Stop Public Notice on October 16, 2019.

The purpose of this document is to list the comments received as a result of the public notice. Many comments are the same or similar. For this document, the DENR has combined similar comments and prepared the enclosed response which will be mailed to all those who commented.

The DENR reviews all applications for coverage under the general water pollution control permit for concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) to determine if the proposed operation is designed and can be constructed, maintained, and operated in compliance with the conditions and requirements of the general permit. If the application meets all the conditions and requirements, the application will be approved or approved with conditions. If the application does not meet all the conditions, comments will be sent to the applicant explaining why the application will not be approved as currently submitted. Our review of the Ratio, LLC, swine operation is currently underway and your comments will be considered during the review.

Thank you again for your comments.

Sincerely,

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Administrator  
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Enclosures