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RE: Proposed CAFO Rules August 17th, 2022

Dear Ms. Morris,

I oppose the CAFO rules as drafted and concur with the comments of Okanogan, Thurston and Yakima County Farm Bureaus. We need to work with those who raise livestock on a small scale providing locally sourced food. Applying CAFO standards to small operations, will be devastating to local food production and our overall food security. Ecology must recognize the work of the Voluntary Stewardship Program and local conservation districts. These are important programs because they make people feel a part of the solution rather than being part of the problem. And instead of regulating, Ecology needs to encourage participation in these voluntary programs, proven to protect water quality.

This is designed to prevent people from growing their own food and farm animals. Biden forced farmers in the United States to stop growing crops for this year (2022) and now we are starting to have widespread food shortages starting to affect the U.S. Cow manure is NOT the problem.

Since there are no minimum number of animals, you might have to pay \$300 for a permit to feed a stray cat or perhaps a hummingbird. What authority does DOE have to enact this so called "law"? Why do they have to regulate the food that people grow with farm animals? Where are the studies to prove that cow manure is a "problem"? Cow manure has existed for centuries – why does the Government have to "regulate" cow manure where no problem has been proved to exist?

The DOE State Waste Discharge General Permit program under WAC 173-226-120 is totally flawed, because there is absolutely no valid scientific evidence that cow manure (or the bird shit from hummingbirds or stray kitty cats) causes any environmental harm. This is the most ridiculous piece of legislation ever proposed in the history of humanity. What a total waste of tax paper dollars to even propose this nonsense!

How much human shit does Inslee crap into the environment in a year? How much shit does the entire workforce of DOE shit into the environment in a year? How much shit does the worthless Washington State Legislature shit into the environment in a year? Why don't you force them to get a Waster Discharge General Permit every time they excrete their shit into the environment?

What's wrong with the DOE? Why are you totally wasting our tax dollars with this worthless laughable legislation?

The new fascist law states that: "Each day upon which a willful violation occurs may be deemed a separate and additional violation. Any person who violates the terms and conditions of a waste discharge permit shall incur, in addition to any other penalty as provided by law, a civil penalty in the amount of up to ten thousand dollars for every such violation".

So with the new fines and fees for this new fascist program, what are you going to do with the money? Will you buy more coffee and donuts for DOE and other state employees? And will more DOE and state employees shit more into the environment as a result? And will this additional excrement cause DOE to obtain a General DOE State Waste Discharge General Permit program under WAC 173-226-120 from the additional shit caused by more coffee and donuts consumed by State employees and the DOE?? Where is this nonsense headed?

Why don't you recognize the good work of existing Voluntary Stewardship Program and local conservation districts, instead of trying to create and enforce a fascist police state? What's wrong with you people? Why don't you enact something that people can make this state a better and more positive place with local conservation districts, rather than passing worthless legislation like this proposed law?

Yours Sincerely,

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