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As a non-business individual with one horse on pasture on which I spread that horse's composted horse manure, I am seriously concerned about this draft regulation. Most non-business individuals that I know have less than five horses on their property. The table shows that we would be designated Small CAFOs - Table 2 Size of CAFO by Animal Type - Horses 150 or more Less than 150. These small CAFOs appear to be required to apply for a permit (the wording is not clear) - S1.A. Facilities Required to Seek Coverage under This General Permit - CAFOs discharging only to groundwater must apply for coverage under either this permit or the CAFO State Waste Discharge General Permit.

I work with the Thurston County Conservation District to manage my property. I previously lived in King County and worked with their conservation district. They are well versed in correct livestock management. The smaller operations being classified as Small CAFOs should be encouraged to work with the Conservation Districts in their counties.

These proposed regulations and the proposed egregious penalties will only discourage people from enjoying this rural lifestyle and the animals that bring them to it.

Thank you for your consideration.

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