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I am a small farmer in Enumclaw Wa. The DOE proposed CAFO permit requirements will disproportionately burden small business farms, and put them in a position of having to try to comply CAFO regulations that will ultimately spread to all farms, with any number of animals. Trying to stay informed and in compliance with these regulations will burden small farms uncesessarely. The definitions of "small, medium and large" are vague and subject to interpretation. The requirement of 100-ft setbacks from surface water, and the definition of surface waters, as measured when and where are unpredictable. For example heavy rains may produce higher than normal surface water. The burden to have nutrient filter strips and having to try to maintain those strips is unrealistic for a small farmer. The whole requirement about soil testing and hard deadlines around soil tests is crazy. It takes months to get these tests backs depending on the time of year and the lab backlog. And who will pay for these additional tests and for what purpose? I know my farm the best, I know the best way to maintain it and still have the ability to raise livestock on a small scale for both my family and my community. The ridiculous regulations will force many small farmers to decide to quit, rather than to spend the extra dollars at a time when our store shelves are frequently empty. applying CAFO standards to anything but the largest feeders, will have a devastating impact on our communities, local farmer's markets, food banks, and overall food security.