

Appendix Item #

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To the Dodge County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to make an official request that the Supervisors place a cap of four on the number of LPP poultry barns erected in Dodge County. At the very least until enough data is collected to prove indisputably that the barns will not be an environmental hazard.

We simply do not know what the impact of these barns will be.

Getting NDEQ inspections is inadequate. The Colton Schafersman barns were erected on permeable soil one half mile uphill from Maple Creek. The NDEQ report cautioned against this site.

"Potential sources of contamination relative to groundwater include waste and/or decomposition of animals at or near the surface and buried, including the barns, mortality compost sites, burial sites and stockpile/compost sites. Potential risks exist from flooding and the leaching of waste and animals to shallow water tables. Impacts may include nutrients, pathogens, heavy minerals (arsenic, copper, zinc) and drug residues. Observed impacts from other states include ammonia and Total Dissolved Solids."

The barns were approved anyway.

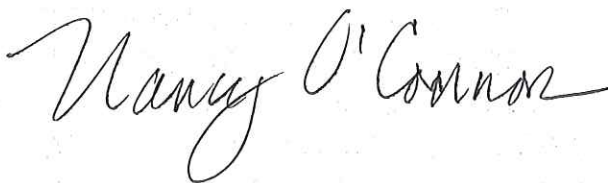
An argument has been made that Dodge County already has CAFO's present, so what's all the fuss about constructing more. More is not necessarily better.

We will inevitably reach a tipping point.

You as a governing body have been entrusted by the people with the protection of our natural resources. I understand this public trust can clash with corporate operations, but I feel it is your duty to take a stand, to slow this process down until we have adequate information and experience.

Thank you for serving on this board during these difficult times.

Sincerely yours,



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