

The lawsuit letter

Between the powerpoint and our DNR lawsuit documents at the link below, you can get a pretty good understanding of what hog confinements are, why they produce the human health problems they do, what those health problems are, and why we have had such a hard time getting anything done to protect humans from hog confinement pollutants and toxins.

Read the powerpoint first. The powerpoint explains hog confinement technology, how that technology affects the hog's waste as it breaks down, and what human health harming constituent parts that waste produces as it breaks down in this sewer environment. Those constituent parts are vented or blown out into the surrounding neighborhood, and larger environment, 24/7/365.

After reading the powerpoint go to the online DNR lawsuit documents at the link below. When you go online, it would be best to start with the media guide pdf. That document has notes in the margin to help understand what we are doing. The last page of the media guide is the template we had to follow in order to make our request of the DNR for a declaratory order. That will explain what we are about in the document when it says "this addresses template number such and such."

These lawsuit documents, along with the Jillian Fry 2014 Johns Hopkins study used in the main document, will let you understand why opponents of hog confinements have had such a hard time making any headway in protecting the public's health; the regulatory scheme leaves out humans, hence there are no laws pertaining to the effects hog confinement waste has on people. And, the state has limited what regulations there are only to the water pollution avenue, which leaves out the other pollution avenue, the air avenue that is vented out into the neighborhood and the larger environment. That is the basis of our lawsuit.

We have changed the lawsuit, but not in any real way. We have simply left out the original step of trying to get the DNR to agree with us and issue a declaratory order using our wording. Instead, we have skipped that step and are asking the DNR in our lawsuit to "retain" all excreta/waste/manure that the code/law says it is supposed to do. This is explained in the main document. Our arguments, and the documents that we use making those arguments, are still the same in this DNR lawsuit as they were original lawsuit.

Our online documents:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16JSVu2yMOKrVjaicmTudqT5eurkbkbDC?usp=sharing>
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There is an online Decorah Newspaper article which sets the stage from a historical perspective as to why we have sued the DNR. The link to the local Decorah Newspaper article is:

<https://decorahnewspapers.com/Content/News/Local-News/Article/Local-citizens-petitioning-DNR-to-regulate-hog-confinement-emissions/2/10/44441>
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I had thought I would be doing more presentations of this powerpoint around the state. As that has not been the case, I have decided to send this powerpoint, and the legal documents, out in this form for you to use yourself. As I said before, this powerpoint and the lawsuit documents should give you a pretty good understanding of hog confinements and the danger they pose to human health.

If you belong to a group, or if there are people you know who you think might appreciate this information, please send this email along to them, and use this email text for directions for them.

Contact me with any questions you may have.