

Fellow Lake of the Oaks Property Owners;

Please be aware that a huge hog confinement operation (8500 head of hogs) is currently seeking State approval to start up less than two miles southeast of our lake. Many people believe that this proposed operation poses a very serious potential problem for our Lake of the Oaks water quality.

Please read the material below and express your written opinions to the officials listed. A form letter is attached (feel free to make additional copies or use as your model for your letter) for your use in communicating your concerns.

**PLEASE DON'T DELAY! ACTION IS NEEDED TO STOP THIS
THREAT TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE AT THE LAKE of the
OAKS!!!!!!!**

January 30, 2017

It has come to light that Expedition Acres, LLC, located in Carthage Illinois is planning construction of a new CAFO (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation) approximately 5-7 miles northwest of Canton, Mo. and approximately 3 miles southeast of St. Patrick, Mo. Based on Expedition Acres' animal court information, this operation will house 8,500 swine. However because this proposed CAFO fits into a class 1B Category, the number of swine could soar to 17,000.

The location of this proposed CAFO is near Canton's water treatment plant and wells. The potential for water contamination of our water quality is possible due to waste runoff and drainage, excessive rainfall following manure applications, other natural disasters, accidental spills, broken pipes or faulty construction of the facility.

If you are concerned about this issue, it is imperative that you WRITE the Missouri Department of Natural Resources requesting a public hearing to address the safety of our water supply. The department reviews all comments, however, due to current legislation, it can only consider water quality issues within the jurisdiction of Clean Water Commission. Time is of the essence and letters or emails should be sent soon as possible.

Posted letters should be sent to: (For your records, you may want to send this certified mail.)

Water Protection Program
c/o Gorden Wray
The Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176

(FAX: 573-522-9920)

E-mails to the DNR should be sent to:

gorden.wray.dnr.mo.gov

Attached you will find a sample letter. You may fill in the blanks with the designated information and post it to the above mentioned address, copy and send it via e-mail or compose your own letter. It is important that when you write to the above mentioned people, that you include the following information:

- Identify yourself and include your address and/or email. **It is very important that if you are a nearby land owner, you stress that point.**
- State that Expedition Acres, LLC is planning construction of a CAFO northwest of Canton, MO.
- Express and emphasize your concerns about water quality.
- Request a public hearing.

Please note that concerns regarding air pollution, falling property values, health threats, deterioration of roads and other scourges are not addressed by the DNR when issuing a permit. By law, it will only consider water quality issues within the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Commission and when an operation meets all state requirements the department is required to issue a permit to such an operation.

For more detailed information it is recommended that you read the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Guide to Animal Feeding Operations. It is located at <https://dnr.mo.gov/pubs/pub915.pdf>. You are also encouraged to direct concerns to your legislators and county board.

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Senator Brian Munzlinger
201 W. Capitol Ave., Rm 331A
Jefferson City, MO 65101
email: brian.munzlinger@senate.mo.gov

Wayne Murphy, Presiding Commissioner
P.O. Box 67
Monticello, MO 63457
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Date _____

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my opposition to Expedition Acres, LLC's proposed Class 1B CAFO which is slated for construction in Lewis County, northwest of Canton, Missouri. I am concerned about the drainage and runoff produced by this CAFO. The intended CAFO site is within close proximity to Canton's water treatment plant and wells and I am deeply concerned about the future impact it will have on our water quality. The potential for contamination of our water quality is possible due to waste runoff and drainage, excessive rainfall following manure applications, other natural disasters, accidental spills, broken pipes or faulty construction of the facility.

I am requesting a public hearing to address these concerns.

Sincerely,

Name _____

Street Address or P.O. Box _____

City _____

Zip Code _____