

August 2, 2008

Chad Stobbe
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Dear Mr. Stobbe:

I'd like you to reconsider the eliminating of the Chapter 121 regulations. Without these regulations, my ability to get the waste from Hormel Foods will be in jeopardy. This past spring, I started receiving the waste and it was spread on a couple of my fields. I've heard good things about it from other farmers and want to continue to get it.

So far, my crops look really good where we spread it and with fertilizer prices continuing to increase it's important that I get it in the future. The Chapter 121 regulations are really important because it allows storage of the waste on the edge of my fields during the summer months so that once my crops are off in the fall we can cover a lot of acres. The storage areas are monitored for run off by Environmental Land Management and we have noticed very little odor.

Please keep the regulations in place that allow me to get this waste. It cuts my fertilizer and liming costs.

Sincerely,



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