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I know we are to respond to the proposed requirements of this CAFO draft that has been proposed by ecology and how it will affect us as individuals. I believe I will address the continual overreach of this bureaucracy and lack of good science. You continue to paint us all with a broad brush instead as individuals who have provided a product that is wholesome as well as beneficial to the economy of our local towns, business and schools. I would suggest that the majority of us use the resources given us through our land base and livestock at an efficient rate that would cause most industry's to be lacking if compared to our advancements in the care of our environment and livestock. We do have a moral compass that ecology seems to be lacking in our everyday dealings with people and our environment. I long for the days when people were ashamed to try to encumber others with regulation when their research is so lacking and the main reason for any of this is the power grab of this bureaucracy. Yes there are bad actors in this industry as well as yours but I believe when the good is weighted with the bad the dairy industry would far out shine yours as far as the welfare of our citizens environmentally and personally. I would say you should be ashamed but that would require a conscience that I have seen little evidence of. You will accomplish little if anything with these regulations other than putting some of us and our employees out of a job. This will have little affect on me but will be another variable in the decision of my son and other young people to continue in this business when the deck seems stacked against them. So you can say goodbye to the best and the brightest in agriculture as we import the crap from other countries without our strict regulations and care that we in agriculture use every day to insure quality in the product that leaves our farms. Don't worry though you and your family will be fine because you get your food at the grocery store. Its hard for me to think dairys are to big of a concern as far as environment issues when I have spent all summer breathing smoke from burning forests that were once again managed by a government agency that has come up lacking but don't look to close you may recognize yourself in that picture.

The continual burden put on dairys for no good reason such as these liners for lagoons will put some of us out of business but some will survive. Eventually when this happens enough, all that will be left is a huge conglomerate that will dictate to you what the rules are as far as pricing of food and how these regulations will be handled. They will have no problem complying to all this nonsense because you truly will be paying for it as well as your children and grandchildren because they will want to eat. Say good by to this country and its ways that have spoiled you and me because we all will know what it is to be hungry. I want more than that for my grandchildren, how about you?

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