NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
TO BE HELD BY
THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ON
STATE FARM DIGESTER GENERAL PERMITS FOR ANIMAL OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: Public meetings have been scheduled concerning the draft animal waste State General Permits for the following types of animal operations with Farm Digester Systems:
   AWG400000 - Swine Operations
   AWG500000 - Cattle & Dairy Operations
   AWG600000 - Poultry Operations

PURPOSE: The Division of Water Resources is required by Session Law 2021-78, Section 11.(d) to issue General Permits for farm digester systems on animal waste operations subject to specific limitations and special conditions. The Division of Water Resources pursuant to 15A NCAC 02T .0111 has determined that it is in the public interest to hold meetings to receive pertinent public comments.

Information received by 5:00 pm on May 2, 2022 will be taken into consideration in finalizing the permitting decisions.

MEETINGS: The meetings will be conducted in the following manner:

   Following explanation of the proposed permit conditions by DEQ, the facilitator will allow public comments, statements, data and other information to be submitted in writing or presented orally at each meeting. Comments should specifically address issues directly related to the proposed permits. Persons desiring to speak should sign up during registration upon arrival. Presentations may be limited to three minutes or less.

   Cross-examination of speakers will not be allowed; however, the facilitator may ask questions for clarification.

   The comment period will close at 5:00 pm on May 2, 2022.

   WHEN: April 5, 2022 at 6 p.m.
   WHERE: James Sprunt Community College
           133 James Sprunt Dr.
           Kenansville, NC (Duplin County)

   WHEN: April 7, 2022 at 6 p.m.
   WHERE: Sampson County Exposition Center
           414 Warsaw Rd.
           Clinton, NC (Sampson County)

   WHEN: April 19, 2022 at 6 p.m.
   WHERE: Statesville Civic Center
           300 S. Center St.
Statesville, NC (Iredell County)

WHEN:        April 21, 2022 at 6 p.m. (Register online prior to 4 p.m.)

INFORMATION: Copies of the draft permits, registration links and related fact sheets are available at https://deq.nc.gov/digesterpermits or by contacting:

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Written comments will be accepted at the above address and at PublicCommentsDWR@ncdenr.gov