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NMPF Strongly Supports EPA Efforts to Exempt Manure Air Emission Reporting Under EPCRA

ARLINGTON, VA – The National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF) filed comments today in support of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Nov. 14 proposal to exempt manure air emissions reporting from the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA).

In October 2017, EPA concluded that air emissions from manure did not need to be reported under EPCRA while signaling it would take a substantive approach through rulemaking to explain its thinking on the issue. EPA's assessment largely was based on the fact that the air emissions were a result of "routine agricultural operations" exempt from EPCRA reporting.

EPA's current actions with EPCRA are consistent with Congress' recent action to exempt manure emissions reporting requirements under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

[In today's comments](#), NMPF expressed support for that approach and noted that the legislative history of EPCRA showed that Congress did not intend for continuous air emissions reports to be filed under EPCRA if they were not required under CERCLA. In further support of EPA's action, NMPF has noted that the emergency response community has no use for these reports and that they impede their emergency response function.

"The record is clear," NMPF said in its comments. "Congress, the U.S. Coast Guard, and Emergency Responders around the country all oppose air emissions from manure reporting. We appreciate the opportunity to share our views on this important topic and commend the agency for its diligence."

NMPF also concurred with EPA's proposed new definitions of "Animal Waste" and "Farms." NMPF looks forward to EPA finalizing this rulemaking as proposed.

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