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I am writing on behalf of the Hardin County Farm Bureau and the Hardin County Cattlemen's Association requesting the rule be delayed to allow livestock producers to modify procedures for dead animal disposal. In Hardin County disposal of large animals, other than by accredited renderers is unacceptable. Disposing of large animals imposes a financial burden at a time when we already have low cattle prices and high fertilize and other input costs. We know from experience that farmers will pull the animals to sink holes or other out-of-sight areas. Eventually parts of the carcass will make its way into our water systems. Delay this regulation until an acceptable fiscally responsible process is worked out.



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