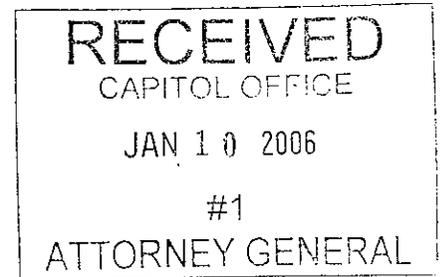


CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR GREEN COUNTRY CONSERVATION

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January 9, 2006



The Honorable Drew Edmondson
Office of the Attorney General
State of Oklahoma
2300 North Lincoln Blvd. Suite 112
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Mr. Edmondson,

Re: Poultry Waste in Oklahoma

Concerned Citizens for Green Country Conservation (CCGCC) welcomes and fully endorses your efforts to protect the citizens of Oklahoma from the harmful environmental practices of the Poultry Industry. The environmental practices of the Poultry Industry are being more widely recognized as the major source of nutrient pollution in the "clear water" streams of Eastern Oklahoma. We believe the Poultry Industry environmental practices of the past decades are in direct conflict with the interest of Oklahoma on a wide range of issues.

Some of the issues are:

- **The fairness issue**--Other industries have been required to operate under CERLA for the disposal of designated hazardous waste. It is time for the Poultry Industry to meet the same standards. We support the testimony of Oklahoma Assistant Attorney General Kelly Hunter-Burch before the House subcommittee on November 16, 2005.
- **The economic issue**--We believe that the Poultry Industry has become an economic liability to the State of Oklahoma because of their continued environmental practices that limit recreational tourism, location of retired individuals to live in the area and the ability to attract high value economic development. Clean water is vital to the economic growth of the area.

We would welcome the Industry becoming an economic asset to Oklahoma by adopting appropriate environmental practices and remedying the damage from its past practices.

- **The human health issue**--We believe the environmental practices of the Poultry Industry are a health hazard to the citizens of the area from histoplasmosis, arsenic and pathogens as well as the toxins that are generated from eutrophication of our streams, lakes and reservoirs from the overload of nutrients.

We are continuing to help set the record straight about the "cartoon quality" of the advertisements about the Poultry Industry that is supported by several organizations including the Farm Bureau. We also find support for your efforts on this matter as we make presentation on water quality to both civic and professional organizations around the area.

We appreciate your dedication to this mission and support your efforts.



Dr. Riley Needham, President
Concerned Citizens for Green Country Conservation