

## Statements on Air Pollution from Factory Farms

"In California's San Joaquin Valley, we have suffered a huge increase in factory farm dairies over the past decade. Ammonia emissions from factory farm dairies are causing the highest fine particulate matter levels in the United States, which seriously harms our health while EPA has done nothing." –Tom Frantz, California farmer and President of the Association of Irrigated Residents

"Here in Iowa, confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs) clearly emit unhealthy levels of hydrogen sulfide and ammonia, but because of state law state regulators are not allowed to demand air quality improvements any stricter than what the EPA has set." –Charles Winterwood MD, Sierra Club, Dubuque, IA

"Ammonia emissions are hazardous to human health, yet they remain unchecked under the Clean Air Act. In 2011, Wisconsin livestock operations emitted over 82,000 tons of ammonia, yet these facilities are generally not required to meet air quality standards through the use of best practices or controls under either state or federal law. Ammonia poses a threat to human health and should be regulated accordingly." -- Elizabeth Wheeler, Senior Staff Attorney, Clean Wisconsin.

"Factory farms have managed to skirt regulation and accountability for far too long. With this lawsuit, we seek to defend the neighboring communities and local environment that have dealt with the consequences of these massive operations for decades. It's time for EPA to fulfill its mandate." –Paige Tomaselli, senior attorney for Center for Food Safety

"Waste from factory farm operations nationwide is a major source of greenhouse gases and other harmful air pollutants that endanger human health, local communities and our environment. It's time for the Obama administration to step up and pass sensible rules to limit factory farm air pollution under the Clean Air Act. Factory farms, which produce more than three times the amount of waste created by humans, must be regulated as the stationary, polluting factories that they are and should not be given a free pass when it comes to addressing climate change and protecting public health and the environment." –Erich Pica, President of Friends of the Earth.

"The evidence is clear that CAFO gases and particles pollute neighboring communities and degrade the health and quality of life of residents. Children, the elderly, and people with asthma and allergies are especially susceptible. To make matters worse, CAFOs are disproportionately located in rural areas where people lack political clout – you don't find CAFOs in country club communities. Rural residents are exploited for the benefit of corporate profits, while the prices of retail animal products (meat, eggs, milk) do not reflect the health and environmental damages caused by CAFOs. In many places CAFOs disproportionately affect people of color and low income – this is environmental injustice." –Steve Wing, Associate Professor of Epidemiology, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill