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Hi Brian,

As I mentioned last night, I have some input on a couple items that we discussed in September.

Regarding mechanical application of manure, fertilizer, herbicides or pesticides for the Small-Scale Farming use:

I initially thought this could be addressed by limiting the size of the application equipment. But after trying to work out how that would look, I'm starting to question the need for a limit. Anyone doing any kind of farming is likely going to do some sort of mechanical application of one or more of these materials. Also, one of the more common uses would probably be renting out a crop field to a neighbor, who may well be using large equipment. I'm not sure what our interest is in applying this limitation. I have a 10-acre field in front of my house that I rent to a neighbor, and they came out last week with the giant manure spreader. Another neighbor has a 7-acre field just outside my office window. In the spring they bring the 60' wide field sprayer. These are minor annoyances that last a couple hours, and are common when you live in a rural area. I would like to have the committee revisit this item.

Regarding noise measurements:

- Measurements should be taken at the property line, but not necessarily nearest the source of the sound. Food for thought: Due to topography an off-site noise could conceivably be louder somewhere else on a neighboring property than at the property line. Do we need to specify where the measurement is taken?
- I can imagine a noise that lasts 5 minutes and is repeated every 25 minutes would be objectionable, but would not be captured accurately by a fifteen-minute average measurement. Could we leave the timing of the measurement to be determined as appropriate to each CUP?

Thanks for your good work shepherding this process - I think we're making some real progress.

Jim Elleson