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I grew up in Queen Annes County and my husband grew up in Dorchester County. We lived in Trappe for 19 years, then moved to Denton for 19 years, and we moved back to Trappe in May of 2021. As you can see, we are very familiar with farming and the odors that go along with living in a farming area.

In December of 2021 we wrote a complaint letter as the homeowners of 30319 Kates Pt Rd Trappe, MD.

We wrote the complaint because we had great concern for our health and wellbeing.

Starting in November of 2021 there was a disgusting odor in our yard. We looked around the yard because the odor was so bad that we thought our septic had failed because it smelled like human feces! It was not coming from our septic. Upon further investigation we realized it was from a different type of fertilizer spread on the fields across the street. It was a very strong, different, extremely offensive, and unbearable odor. It was so bad that you could not stand outside our home. When I say that I mean you had to get out of the car, run inside and quickly shut the door! One day when I got home from work the odor was extremely strong in the yard and was also inside of the house. I literally sat in my living room and cried because the odor was so bad in the house. For that week we basically lived in the basement area of the split level because the central heat is not in that area of the home, therefore the smell was not as bad there. On another occasion I had my car serviced in Preston and was there for 3 hours. When I got in my car to leave you could smell the odor in my car. It was so bad I felt like I had to apologize to the workers.

It was a month before we could go out into the yard without smelling the odor. I was praying that the end of the odor had come, however it was just that the wind was not blowing towards the house. The smell returned the following day.

If the wind is blowing in the direction of Landing Neck Rd our daughter can smell it at her home a mile and a half away on Chestnut Ridge Rd! If it is blowing towards town, you could smell it at our office on Rt 50 in Trappe.

In all of our years of living in the rural farming community this is an odor we have never experienced. We could not get away from the odor and we are extremely concerned about any health risks that we are facing from constantly breathing in whatever is causing this odor.

Because of all the odor complaints the field across from our home was disked on December 14 & 15 of 2021. The odor was bad and got worse several days later because it rained. I didn't smell the odor again until February when it was a little warmer. Essentially the odor never went away it just was dormant because of the cold temperatures.

It felt and smelled like the Trappe fields were used as a sludge dumping ground or a sewage landfill.

In closing I would like to reiterate that we are very concerned about our health and wellbeing if these practices are allowed to continue in Trappe and across Maryland.

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