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Spratt Obtains \$90,000 for Livestock Wastewater Research

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) announced today that the House has approved \$90,000 he requested to find ways to better protect the public and environment from livestock wastewater. The money was included in the Omnibus Appropriations Act.

Spratt said the research, to be conducted at a Florence lab, would develop and evaluate treatment technologies to capture nutrients, reduce emissions, and kill pathogens in swine and dairy wastewater.

“This project is a plus for the Pee Dee,” said Spratt. “Cleaner wastewater will reduce the risk of disease, increase property values, and encourage investment. In addition, recycled nutrients could lead to higher yields and lower fertilizer costs for farmers.”

Spratt said the Omnibus Appropriations Act now moves to the Senate, where it may not be taken up until mid-January. “Until the omnibus bill passes the Senate, and the President signs it, provisions of this kind are still in play,” said Spratt. “But Senator Hollings has been an enormous help with this project in the Senate, and with his help, we are optimistic that it will pass.”

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