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ADEQ public comment, Durand Center, Harrison Arkansas

Comments from Gene Pharr on Third party Rulemaking

*I am against any changes to Regulation 5 + 6 Gene Pharr*

I am a Poultry and Beef Farmer from Lincoln Arkansas which is located in Washington County. I have spent much of my life working to protect our waters from pollution.

In my opinion this rulemaking sets a very bad precedent in the fact it is being driven by emotion not Science. Do the Department of Pollution Control and Ecology and ADEQ not have the legal responsibility to use Science in the rules and regulations they come up with?

I agree that we must be sure that the Buffalo River is not polluted. I do not understand the concern about a small number of hogs being permitted five miles from the river when an estimated one and a half million people visit the river each year. The Park service applies more nutrients on fields that are next to the river, than C&H Hog farms does under a permit on land that is over five miles from the river.

The research that is being done by the research team will tell if there are any problems from the hog farm. I demand that a study be started to measure all sources of pollution of the river. Monitoring stations should be placed at least below the launch sites.

I urge you to use Science and do not let all the hypocrisy of extremists and urban elitists stop Science to be used to protect the waters of the state. If you allow this third party rulemaking to go into effect you are not doing your job.