

**From:** Kathy Downs [mailto:beingofhelp@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2014 2:46 PM

**To:** Reg-Comment

**Subject:** supporting changes to Reg. 5 & to prohibit permits for large CAFOs in Buffalo River watershed

Dear ADEQ,

I am writing to voice my support for the proposed changes to APCEC Regulations 5 and 6, seeking to prohibit ADEQ Director and others from issuing any Reg. 5 permits for Confined Animal Operations and Reg. 6 permits for CAFOs for facilities in the watershed of the Buffalo National River. This is for facilities with either 750 or more swine weighing 55 lbs. or more or for 3000 or more swine weighing less than 55 lbs.

I have lived in Newton County for over 22 years and have been floating the Buffalo River for over 35 years. It's why I moved to Arkansas. It's why I work, shop and pay taxes here. I want to enjoy the river and environment myself and for others in the future to enjoy it. It's pristine and beautiful, an Arkansas treasure. I am appalled that you allowed one CAFO to be built here. I want to stop any more.

Please, ADEQ, as you guard and protect Arkansas's environment, review karst topography. It's rock under the thin layer of topsoil. Especially throughout the Buffalo River watershed. There are no layers of dirt. Everything washes off the top and right into creeks and springs and wells, through underground channels in rock, unfiltered. This is reason enough to not have CAFOs here. But there are many more, including the air pollution, the children and adults nearby, and the economy of the area so dependent on tourism. Please do not threaten that by threatening the river any further.

Thank you for your time. I can be reached at 870-446-5262 near Jasper if you wish to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kathy Downs

Newton County concerned resident