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Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission
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To whom it may concern,

I am a farmer in northern Arkansas. I too am concerned about the Buffalo River watershed. I am directly affected by the PC&E decision to restrict my right and other farmer's rights to operate a hog farm or a cattle farm or any other kind of agriculture endeavor. If you can restrict farming operations in the Buffalo River watershed, what is to keep you from expanding your ruling to the White River, the Cache River or any other watershed in Arkansas? Your moratorium and your subsequent ruling impact everyone who farms in Arkansas. You could potentially wipe out agriculture in our state.

The Federal EPA has inspected the C&H Hog Farm and found no violations. The owners of the farm have been willingly open for testing and scrutiny of their operations. They have been found to be good environmental stewards of their land and the watershed.

Why are you, the PC&E Commission letting a group of environmental extremists direct the decisions you make? They are driven by emotional motives and not by scientific evidence. Agriculture accounts for one-fourth of the economy of the State of Arkansas. This is a serious economic issue for us all. You should be making decisions based on facts and not emotions.

I ask that you end the moratorium on animal feeding operations in the Buffalo watershed, as well as, cease the harassment of the family that owns the C&H Hog Farm in Newton County.

Sincerely,
Leon Wilson