

May 26, 2014

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
Public Outreach and Assistance Division
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, AR 72118
Attention: Doug Szenher

Dear Doug,

As a citizen of Johnson, AR and a frequent user of the first ever National Buffalo River I ask for your support to ban new medium and large confined swine operations in the river watershed.

The following points are my concerns:

1. The "karst" topography which allows pathways to groundwater, wells, springs, streams and tributaries to the Buffalo River.
2. The quality of the water that will result from these pathways to the quality of the water in the Buffalo River.
3. The tourism that will be affected if the river became polluted has been calculated by various entities. These figures are in millions.
4. The jobs that are affected if the river were to be polluted.
5. The gases emitted are carried from the barns, ponds and spray fields to homes, schools and towns.
6. I was able to attend the program by concerned people from North Carolina. I was horrified by what I saw as a result of their numerous CAFO operations.

Please take my comments along with any others you may receive to be considered for your support for the amending put forth in regulations 5 and 6 by the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission

Thank you,
Pat McKeown
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