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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 27, 2014 9:32 PM

**To:** Szenher, Doug

**Subject:** Re: Please amend Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Regulations 5 and 6

On Wed, May 21, 2014 at 8:52 PM, Susan Griggs <[sgriggshj@gmail.com](mailto:sgriggshj@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Doug Szenher,

I'm writing you today, to please amend the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Regulations 5 and 6, to ban new medium and large confined swine operations in the Buffalo National River. I just moved back to Arkansas, to enjoy the family and outdoor setting we are so blessed with, and I've quickly come to realize, many places are not safe for my family to play in the rivers, and I'm concerned about the future of these places for my children and their children. Please consider the following:

-This area is not made for waste ponds with leakage rates allowed by current regulations or for the land application of millions of gallons of hog waste. The risk of transporting nutrients, bacteria, and other pollutants to the Buffalo River is too great.

-The Buffalo River is an extremely valuable piece of Arkansas's tourism. Believe me, we moved back to the area to enjoy these places. Protecting the Buffalo, protects jobs in Arkansas.! We are choosing to live here, but are working remotely, providing one example of local taxes staying here.

-I'm concerned about my child's health: Three of the gases emitted—ammonia, hydrogen sulfide, and nitrous oxide—are toxic and methane is a potent greenhouse gas. Entrained fecal bacteria and other pathogens can be carried by the winds from the barns, ponds, and spray fields to local residences, schools, and towns.

Please help by amending this soon. Sincerely,

Susan Griggs  
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