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Subject: Comment on Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Regulations 5 and 6

To Whom It May Concern:

While my primary residence is in Little Rock, I am also a homeowner in Newton County just a few miles west of the recently permitted C & H Hog Farm near Mt. Judea. As a result, I am very concerned about the possibility of additional medium and/or large confined swine operations might be allowed in the Buffalo River Watershed. I believe very strongly that these should be prohibited for the following reasons:

These operations place the Buffalo National River at great environmental risk. The spread of e. coli and other water-borne pathogens places the entire ecosystem at risk. The geology of this area and its karst structures only make it more inadvisable to allow such operations. The failure of containment systems for these types of facilities have already been found to cause irreversible damage in other states. The risk of environmental disaster is simply too great.

As a nearby property owner, I'm also greatly concerned about the economic disaster that would come should such an operation be allowed in the watershed. The inevitable damage caused either sooner or later by such an operation would shut down an industry that brings over a million visitors and tens of millions of dollars to the local economy every year.

In short, we simply have to protect the watershed from any feeding operation that is this large and this risky.

We owe it to the generations that follow us as well as ourselves.

Sincerely,

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