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Subject: APCEC comment, please limit/stop CAFO's near the Buffalo River

I support the proposed changes to APCEC Regulations 5 and 6 that seek to prohibit the ADEQ Director from issuing Regulation No. 5 permits for Confined Animal Operations, and Regulation No. 6 permits for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, for facilities in the Buffalo National River Watershed with either 750 or more swine weighing 55 pounds or more, or 3,000 or more swine weighing less than 55 pounds. The regulation changes will prohibit an increase in the number of swine at existing facilities in the Buffalo National River Watershed.

I canoe the Buffalo River often. I used to teach at Mt. Judea school. How this smelly facility can be so close to not only a national park (with karst topography) but to be very, very close to a K- 12 school (and it's accompanying small town) where the smells will easily drift, is beyond me. ADEQ should insure that public funds/loans/guarantees are no longer used to build facilities that will have serious implications and bad publicity.

The whole thing seems like the approval was quickly 'snuck under the radar' since a more public process would most likely have denied them the right to build there. Which is a sad thing because what's to stop it from happening again? Also, this issue surely has divided the community. When one sees t-shirts that say "Support the Hogs" and it isn't about the Razorbacks.. it makes one not want to speak up for fear of alienating neighbors one has always gotten along with. Please help.

Sincerely, Gina Booth