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To: Doug Szenher:

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Dear Mr. Szenher,

Please approve the Rule Making proposal concerning notification requirements for Regulation 6. I understand that this rule making applies to the entire state of Arkansas. Please ensure that the notification process includes "mandatory notification" to local, county and state agencies and organizations that would be affected by a CAFO within their jurisdiction.

This would include notifying: city and county commissions, water authorities, health departments and Arkansas Health Department, National Park and State Park officials and surrounding landowners. Notification methods should reflect that general circulation newspapers are but one method and other methods may be necessary to ensure that the above organizations are notified. This could mean the Rule Making should require a letter be sent to the head of the above organizations.

You may wonder why stringent notification rules are necessary. The answer can be found in the current controversy surrounding the C & H Hog Farm. Had the above notifications been required the various agencies and local residents would have expressed their opinions and concerns and the C & H owners may have considered the public opposition too great to risk millions of dollars in a venture that would have ultimately brought them lawsuits and negative publicity and subsequent failure. Every farmer has a right to use his land as he sees fit. And every citizen of Arkansas has a right to object if it impacts others. The right to object was never given to local residents of the Buffalo River Watershed.

Opponents of CAFO's are educated about the harmful effects of CAFO's in other states and communities. They now clearly understand that the hogs that are shipped into Arkansas leave us with hog waste that can get into the ground water and harmful gases and smells that ruin the quality of those living nearby and have been proven to cause health issues. As CAFO's multiply the harmful effects destroy whole communities.

The major corporations that contract with Arkansas farmers are well aware of the side effects and deny any adverse affects (much like the tobacco companies did with tobacco and its health effects). Arkansas with its current regulations has become an "easy target" for outside companies to establish a foothold for more CAFO's. Strict notification is the first step protect The Natural State.

In summary, I believe that ADEQ regulations should be made more stringent for CAFO's first by this public notification process and second by requiring outside companies to put up a bond for any damages direct or indirect caused by their contract with Arkansas farmers for CAFO factories. Once they realize

that they will have to pay for damage to the environment in Arkansas they may reconsider their methods.

My comments in no way are intended to restrict small farmers from raising hogs, chickens, turkeys or other animals in accordance with standard small farm operations.

I am opposed to CAFO's in the Buffalo River Watershed. I am opposed to CAFO's in other parts of Arkansas if they destroy those areas. I am in favor of small farmers raising what their land will support and they can transport to market without harming their neighbors.

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