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Subject: Public Notice of Draft Modification No-Discharge Permit for Permit # 3540-WR-7
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Arkansas Dept. of Environmental Quality
5301 Northshore Dr.
North Little Rock, AR 72118
Re: EC Farms Permit # 3540-7

Dear Director Keogh

It has come to my attention that there is a proposal to transfer the hog excrement from the C&H facility to disperse it on many parcels of land most of which are along the Little Buffalo, the Left Fork of Big Creek and Shop Creek.

I am opposed to this permit because these lands are in the watershed of and nearby the Buffalo River. I kindly request that you do not allow this permit to be granted.

There is good reason to believe these lands overlay the karst geology that is prevalent in Newton County. This geology makes truly beautiful rock formations, caves and sinkholes, but its tendency to dissolve allows for a multitude of channels for the transport of water and pollutants carried by the water to lower elevations and eventually to the Buffalo River.

Already, on lands in the vicinity of Big Creek that the C & H farm spread the hog excrement, there are above optimum phosphorus levels on the majority of the fields according to data from the National Park Service.

Last September, it was my pleasure to attend a meeting of the Southern Arizona Canoe Club. I was mostly curious where in dry Arizona could paddlers find waters to practice their sport. The answer was not very many places in Arizona. Mostly, they organize trips to other states and the Buffalo River in Arkansas was one place they have been. I advised them to get to the Buffalo again before the influence of the hog excrement reaches its pleasant waters. The Buffalo River is a state and national resource that should not be put in jeopardy by millions of gallons of hog waste per year.

Instead of containing the hog waste in holding ponds or spreading the excrement of the thousands of hogs on the fields of Newton County, why not process it in a waste treatment plant in situ? This would greatly reduce the potential for its transport to the Buffalo River, as well as prevent the contamination of water in wells from which residents in the vicinity may be drinking.

Best regards,

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