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Dear Director Keogh,

I am writing to express my unhappiness at the possibility of the additional spreading of hog waste on land along the Buffalo National River. EC Farms should not be granted a permit for this. The original permit was for C & C Farms, not EC Farms. They are not entitled to pollute additional areas of the watershed. It is well known that the karst topography of this area could allow seepage into the Buffalo watershed. This is the absolute least ideal place to consider spreading millions of gallons of hog waste. The threat of E. coli contamination is extremely dangerous for an area which is critical to plant and animal ecosystems, not to mention the humans which enjoy this area for hiking, camping, canoeing, kayaking, etc. The people of Arkansas deserve to have a natural recreation area that is safe and free from disease spreading pollutants. The CAFOs should not be allowed to spread waste over land in such close proximity to a nationally protected river.

I, personally, enjoy visiting the Buffalo National River every time I am in Arkansas. Though I live out of state and can only go to the Buffalo when I am visiting, my family travels to this area nearly every weekend to experience the outdoors. They count on having the rivers and creeks of this watershed free from the toxicity of the by-products of corporate hog farming. My family is not unique. Millions of dollars in tourist revenue will be lost to this region if other families and outdoor enthusiasts determine that this area is potentially a risk to their health, polluted and unsafe.

I urge you to deny the EC Farms permit application and also to not renew Reg.6 General Permit ARG590000 (NPDES discharge permit). The people of Arkansas and others nationwide who travel to this area for recreation are counting on you to protect them.

Thank you,

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