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To: Water Draft Permit Comment

Subject: [BULK] Please GRANT the APPROVAL of C&H reg 5 permit

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I encourage ADEQ to approve C&H Hog Farm req 5 permit. They have met and followed all the required permits and paperwork to demonstrate they are following the best management plans and the required nutrient management plans. This multi generational farm family is providing jobs and much needed tax base to the Mt Jude school district. In addition to two different environmental assessment studies done with no finding of operating out of compliance issues shows that the Campbell's and Henson are operating within the requirements. The Arkansas agriculture community is counting on ADEQ to do the right thing and approve their reg 5 permit. We all want a healthy environment and with the additional farm ground approved to apply this natural fertilizer this will help to meet the NMP. I have a bigger concern with the increased numbers of visitors each year into the Buffalo River water shed and the direct point source of the human waste and pet waste that is being discharged directly into the river. Natural hog fertilizer spread over more than a thousand acres in NOT the threat to this water shed. It is the human waste that is the bigger threat/problem and more of the underlying issue of the algae bloom and high bacterial count in the water during late summer low water flow. I would ask ADEQ to monitor the three sewer plants that the National Park Service operates in this water shed at the same heightened level as C&H hog farm. I wonder if these sewer plants that discharges directly into the river and their third sewer plant spray field that is also located on Karst soil and just a few feet from the Buffalo could withstand the same scrutiny? It also makes me pause and wonder why just recently the National Park Service has just recently started working on their own NMP. And they state that they are the gate keepers of this river! I want to express my "appreciation" to ADEQ for allowing public comments on this matter.

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