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I would like to add my voice to the thousands of others in this state and beyond who believe that it was a huge mistake to ever allow a CAFO anywhere within the watershed of the Buffalo River, and ask that the new regulation 5 permit be denied. Millions of gallons of untreated sewage do not simply disappear when they are sprayed upon the ground, they can only do one thing- flow downward. Whether directly into Big Creek or through the network of underground conduits resulting from the karst topography of the location, these pollutants are currently, and will continue to flow into the Buffalo River.

I am a life-long resident of Arkansas, and have fished and canoed the Buffalo and it's tributaries for over 50 years. Last summer I waded and fished sections of Big Creek and the Buffalo, and it was heart-breaking to experience the degradation I encountered. The creek was choked with algae, the water stunk, and there were no fish. All the research teams seem to be having a hard time seeing what it obvious to me, these bodies of water are already impaired, and will continue get worse until the hog farm is closed down. Granting this new permit would be opening a new chapter in what has become a political, social and environmental nightmare for the state of Arkansas. You have the power to make it end. Deny the new regulation 5 permit for this facility.

Thank you.

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