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Subject: Factory Hog Farm on the Buffalo National River"s watershed
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Governor Hutchinson & ADEQ:

As a concerned citizen who loves the Buffalo River and considers it a national treasure, I am begging you to **please deny the Regulation 5 permit** for the C&H swine factory in the Buffalo River watershed.

Our ancestors worked so hard to make sure this river was preserved for our children and grandchildren. It is particularly loved by Arkansans but belongs to all Americans. It would be criminal to allow it to become polluted with hog waste, not to mention the decline of property value for people who live near the factory and the loss of 62 million in tourism dollars that the river brings to one of the poorest areas of our state.

According to a geologist familiar with the Boone Limestone who has been a former Commissioner and Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Pollution Control and Ecology Commission, the hog waste will almost certainly flow into the underlying porous limestone and will work its way into streams that feed the Buffalo and a big rainstorm could breach the hog waste lagoon levees causing it to flow into Big Creek.

There is too much at stake here. Revoking the permit makes economic sense but most importantly would protect the fragile ecosystem and keep it safe for us to swim in, fish in, and float.

Once it's polluted there's no going back. Please do the right thing and deny the permit. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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