

Ms. Katherine McWilliams
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Dear Ms McWilliams:

Please accept my comment regarding the draft permit for C&H Hog Farm, Inc. permit number 524-W.

I realize that mine will be “just another comment” in a stack of thousands. However, I somehow still believe in the power of public sentiment expressed for the public good. I will not even attempt to re-hash the litany of scientific and policy related problems inherent in the advent of C&H Hog Factory. Experts from across the country have many times over laid out the specifics of how disastrous this permit has already been to the environment of the Buffalo National River, the communities surrounding, the State as a whole, and indeed Nationally. Even more so, the potential for environmental crises, due to this greedy factory farm, looms heavier each passing day. I am a resident of Searcy County, Arkansas. I greatly fear for our River and for my and by family’s personal safety from these effects. My statement is more than a statement of scientific or political fact. It is a plea.

The Buffalo River is undoubtedly a National treasure. However, it is more than just recreational, or an economic stimulus for the area. This River holds out a shining hope for the souls and sanity of generations. It is a place of solitude and renewal. The idea that a set of government regulations, and bureaucrats who allow themselves to be “hamstrung” by these insufficient guides, would allow the destruction of this resource is unthinkable. Particularly since the primary responsible agency has the legal charge of maintaining “Environmental Quality”. This macabre scenario would be laughable, were it not so tragic.

The Hog Factory was surreptitiously put into place without adequate research, forethought, public notice or consideration of anyone other than the moneychangers who sought to pull a fast one. Now five years later, thousands have expressed their outrage and hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent in opposition. Still your State Agency continues to support this. Your support perpetuates itself with additional approvals for spreading permits, and now a permanent permit for this factory farm. How can this ever end?

I support legitimate farmers and their right to prosper. I appreciate their results in feeding the world. This is not the question here. This farm was ill placed and should be moved. No one wishes these farmers financial ruin. However, their right to prosper ends where public harm begins. This has clearly crossed the line.

I ask you to find a way to end this relationship between C&H Hog Farm and the State of Arkansas. Please deny the request for a permanent Hog CAFO near the Buffalo River.

As Aldo Leopold instructs us, “A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends to do otherwise.” Please do the right thing.

Sincerely,

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