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Governor Hutchinson & ADEQ:

Please deny the Regulation 5 permit for the C&H swine factory in the Buffalo River watershed. This industrial operation has no business in the geologically sensitive karst environment of our own national river. Any failures or long term degradation risks a \$62M tourism industry in one of the poorest areas of our state. Deny it because it makes economic sense. Deny it out of respect for the Arkansans who came before you who fought to protect it.

I am incredulous that the state of Arkansas would allow a CAFO in the environmentally sensitive Buffalo National River watershed, on a major tributary to this pristine river. The potential for pollution from this facility has been proven in karst topography in the midst of tributaries to what many consider to be the most beautiful and pristine area in the central United States.

This CAFO is not only a danger to the public health through groundwater pollution and air pollution, but also to Federally recognized Endangered and Threatened Species in the caves, air, and in the streams of the watershed. The health of our children whose school is nearly surrounded by containment fields for hog wastes is affected.

Due to its pristine waters, its incredible beauty and wildlife, all remnants of the past-unspoiled world, the Buffalo National River is considered sacred by many. People from all over America and all around the world flock to the pristine waters of the Buffalo, our state's prime national attraction and scenic treasure, for fishing, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, bird watching and sightseeing. However, the smell and waste run-off from this living animal factory will increase repel and horrify tourists.

The water quality of our first national river, the Buffalo, must be maintained and protected for human health as well as the health of the environment. Arkansas is called the Natural State, and its unique treasures are something worth protecting.

Surely you will revisit your decision and join the others who wish to maintain the protection of the Buffalo National River and its magnificent environment.

Thank you for respecting the Buffalo.

Sincerely,

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