

Dear ADEQ and Governor Hurchinson,

I am writing to urge you to save the Buffalo National River from pollution and destruction. Please deny the new permit for the C&H Hog Factory. If the pig factory is producing waste equal to a small town in Arkansas as I have read they are, they ARE polluting not only the BNR but also the whole community around them. No town would be allowed to produce that much animal waste and not have in place a complete sewage system to treat the animal waste. So why and how can they continue to do so? What is the role of the ADEQ? I thought, based on their name, they should safeguard our environment; but they seem to now be protectors of polluters or pollution factories. So, I am asking you to step in and protect our state.

All scientists know that the BNR flows in a karst area where pollutants that go in one area are soon flowing throughout the karst region through caves and geologic layers. Even in the 1960s, Alley studied the karst in Arkansas and Missouri and demonstrated how dye in spring spreads all over the land around the river and throughout that area in the Ozarks. He showed that it was a very sensitive environmental area and must be protected. Thus one of the arguments for protecting the area by making it a national park/river.

Once the BNR is polluted, no one will come to float, fish, or hike the river. We will lose another beautiful part of our state. What can take the place of that tourism money? Even if you don't care about the BNR, you surely care about the tax dollars that the BNR generates for our state. That should be an incentive to stop the pig factory. We are spending thousands of dollars now on tests and loan support for the pig factory, but are destroying the source of many more tax dollars from tourists.

Please do not grant any permits for the hog factory.

Sincerely,
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Please add to the public comments about the C&H Hog Factory permitting decision: