From: Lee Bryant

To: Water Draft Permit Comment

Subject: [BULK] Re: ADEQ--request to deny C&H new state permit

Date: Friday, March 17, 2017 9:31:28 AM

For clarification, my comment is in reference to permit #5264-W.

Sincerely,

Lee Bryant

On Fri, Mar 17, 2017 at 8:11 AM, Lee Bryant < lee.bryant@smail.astate.edu > wrote: Hello, my name is Lee and I am a graduate student at Arkansas State University working on my M.S. in Biology. I recently learned about C&H Hog Farm's application for a new state permit that would supersede a federal permit that requires regular review and a five year expiration. This new state permit requires no review and no expiration and would add an additional 599 acres to the hog farm waste spray area. Scientific research has already shown an increase in nitrates downstream of the C&H Hog Farm lands, which negatively affects the quality and health of Big Creek as well as the Buffalo River watershed and organisms that live there. Reducing regulation is the antithesis of what is needed to conserve environmental integrity of the Buffalo River watershed as well as the health of people recreating and living in it.

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