

March 15, 2017

Dear Governor Hutchinson and ADEQ,
I am writing to you as a concerned mother, grandmother and citizen of this great state. I have lived here with my family since 1982.

I am proud to have you represent us as governor since 2015. You have done an excellent job in providing healthcare for many. You have succeeded where a lot of other states failed. I admire your comprehensive approach to solving many of our states problems.

My husband and I have lived and worked and raised our six children here since 1982. We have tried to be good parents, good citizens and good stewards of the land. We love Arkansas. The Natural State.

When we came to Arkansas in 1982, it was known as the land of opportunity. We were able to prosper in owning

our own business's, working various jobs and contributing in any way possible to our community in Fayetteville.

We soon discovered the most precious jewel of the O'yorks, our nation's first National River, the Buffalo. It was saved in 1972 through the bipartisan efforts of many forward thinking people, who fought to preserve and protect the river. The ADEQ is entrusted to protect our environment. Governor, I am sorry to say that they are not doing their job. Our previous governor has said that he regrets that he was asleep at the wheel and he failed to do the right thing and deny the original permit to C&H hog farms in Mt. Judea, in the watershed of our glorious river.

He failed to protect the National River by granting the permit to C&H farms. NOW, you have the chance to save the river, AGAIN!!

ADEQ continually granted permits to this confined animal feeding operation

The pork producers and farm bureau are very strong supporters of the hog farm. They have many lobbyists who are attempting to associate this huge factory farm as a family farm. It is NOT! It is situated on very fragile land which is known by scientists as Karst. This is very porous rock that allows water to run through it. Hence, we have the most majestic bluffs and caves anywhere.

Truly, a wonder of the world.

Governor, This is your opportunity to do the right thing and deny this permit to C & H hog farms. Let's admit that it was a mistake to have granted the original permit in the first place, and ADEQ should deny them this new & revised permit, at this time.

There is so much waste produced by this hog farm that C & H previously applied & was granted a permit by ADEQ. (Once again I question if ADEQ is doing its job to preserve & protect

the environment) to transport this excess waste across the curvy roads of Newton County, to fields near Deer, Arkansas, known as EC farms, also in the watershed of the nationally protected river.

Eighteen years ago, I was blessed to find a little bit of paradise and to buy a small piece of land & build a house right on the Little Buffalo River. It has become a very special and sacred place for my family.

I have a well on my property and I fear that we will begin to see serious contamination of my drinking water and my paradise if they are allowed to spread this waste at EC farms.

The three grandmothers, Nancy Heller, Mrs. Wellford and Carol Butin, filed an appeal because of this ruling. Many of us

worked hard and spoke passionately
from the heart to try to
sway the ADEQ and you,
also Governor. But once again
we failed. The C&H hog farms
& EC farms were issued a
new permit number. That was
the big change we got from
filing the appeal.

We have come a long way
from the "Land of opportunity"
to "the Natural State". Let
us do the RIGHT thing &
protect our beloved river.
It is the most magnificent
jewel of our whole state
and water is our most
precious resource.

Please, deny C & H this
new permit.

Thank you very much,

Sincerely,

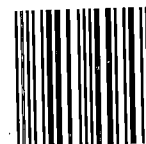
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