

January 28, 2018

Director Keogh  
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality  
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Dear Sir,

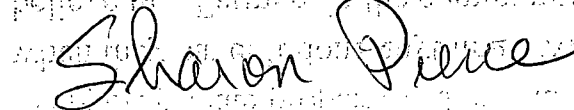
I am very disappointed in your decision to not renew the new Regulation 5 No-Discharge Permit application by C & H Hog Farms. Perhaps the farm should never have been constructed on karst terrain near the Buffalo River but in the five years it has been in operation there have been no violations recorded and the farm is constantly upgrading the facility to insure there are none in the future.

I support private property rights, and to me giving someone a permit and then going back on it when they haven't done anything wrong, is just not right. It isn't the American way that I believe in. Farmers in the community obviously support C & H because they have them deposit their hog waste on their fields, around their homes and ponds. Before C & H Hog Farms was in operation, farmers in this area had hog waste put on their fields, along with chicken litter and commercial fertilizers, and they will again if you close C & H. At least C & H are doing it within the regulations.

I don't mind you putting a permanent moratorium on FUTURE CAFOS in the Buffalo National River watershed, just give C & H their permit. Continue to monitor them and regulate them, just as you would anyone else. Just don't punish them for a mistake some feel has been made when they have done everything asked that was possible at this stage.

C & H Hog Farms are an asset to the Mt. Judea community. They support it with their time and money. They are part of the heart of our community. Closing them would be detrimental to our community, and just wrong.

Sincerely,



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