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.

This area of Arkansas is too important to so many of us in Arkansas to let it be ruined for future generations. Please consider our pleas to not issue this permit or any others that endanger this watershed! I visit ADEQ every year with my students after studying the ecology of Arkansas and teaching them about what they can do to protect our beautiful Arkansas environment. I would hate for them to not enjoy the sights and sounds of the Buffalo River and area when they are grown, especially if they learn that it could have been protected but was not by the very agencies formed to do so.

Sincerely,
Theresa A Rye

“It if you don’t know where you are going any road can take you there”

– Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland