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As an Arkansan for 31 years it is very sad to know that we don't protect our natural places better. We are the "Natural State", but are planning on allowing a CAFO into our most precious ecosystem? Please do not renew the General Permit. Along with ground water contamination, there will undoubtedly be an unfavorable smell. I have already been able to smell chicken farms in the Boxley Valley this year and it was nauseating. The Buffalo National River and the surrounding areas are very special and unique places. Please do everything possible to protect them and keep them natural.

I'm writing to oppose the renewal of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit (ARG590000) that was published on March 15, 2016 in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette for eligible operators of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) in the State of Arkansas. This General Permit (ARG590000) streamlined the permitting for a large scale swine factory CAFO that is located in a fragile ecosystem in a highly fractured soluble limestone rock (i.e. Karst) that drains via surface and groundwater directly into our Nation's first designated National River, the Buffalo National River, which has resulted in significant "on-going" public opposition. I do not want this permit to be utilized to facilitate the permitting of another CAFO in Arkansas. This General Permit (ARG590000) generated a permit that is highly controversial resulting in considerable litigation expenses and several hundred thousand dollars of tax payer money being allocated for "research" at this CAFO. Insofar as this permit by-passes well established science, it is likely its shortcomings will occur again if General Permit (ARG590000) is renewed.

Thanks,

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