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To: [Water Draft Permit Comments](#)
Subject: NO Hog CAFO's in Arkansas
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Dear ADEQ,

Here is a copy of a letter sent to APC and E. I also look forward to your response.

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you to express my concern about all large hog facilities in Arkansas. These operations of large capacity should not be classified as farms but as factories and therefore be subject to more strident pollution control.

I refer you to the Pew Trust 2008, two and a half year intensive study of Industrial Scale Farm Animal Production (IFAP), another term for CAFO. Pew partnered with the [Johns Hopkins School of Public Health](#) to establish the independent National Commission on Industrial Farm Animal Production. The commission's goal was to conduct an assessment of the impact of the industry on public health, the environment, animal welfare and rural communities.

This study concluded that, "The current IFAP system often poses unacceptable risks to public health, the environment." John Carlin former governor of Kansas and chairman of the Pew Commission IFAP study states, "I believe that the IFAP system was first developed simply to help increase farmer productivity. Regardless, the negative effects are real and must be addressed." For more information, visit the [Pew Commission on Farm Animal Production Web site](http://www.ncifap.org/) (<http://www.ncifap.org/>.)

The State of Arkansas could learn from other states who have experienced adverse effects. I offer just a few of many well-documented examples in the attached page.

There is only one Arkansas. Please act now to prevent the damage that could be done to our Natural State by these large hog CAFO's. We won't get a second chance. Your children and grandchildren will thank you. Ask yourself would I want to live next door to a large swine facility.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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Just a few examples of Hog CAFO problems:

- In 1995, in North Carolina an eight acre hog waste lagoon ruptured sending 25 million gallons of manure onto nearby crop fields and into the New River. The manure carried dozens of miles downstream over the next several months, killing millions of fish.
(New York Times) (Natural Resources Defense Council) (Charlotte Observer)
- In 1999, a hog manure pond in Minnesota burst, sending 200,000 gallons ten miles down Beaver Creek, killing 690,000 fish.
(Minnesota Department of Natural Resources)
- In 2009, in Union Township, Ohio a CAFO operator was spraying manure onto a field when a line broke. The manure seeped underground and into Canyon Run Creek. 50,000 thousands of fish were killed as far as five miles downstream.
(Dayton Daily News)
- In July of 2009, a manure holding pond ruptured near Buckley, Illinois sending 200,000 gallons into a nearby river. The spill traveled almost 20 miles downstream, killing close to 110,000 fish.
(all-creatures.org) (carmitimes.com)
- In 2010, an Indiana hog farm operator sprayed 200,000 gallons of hog manure onto a field during rainy weather. The run-off killed 40,000 fish in two nearby rivers.
(Indianapublicmedia.org)
- In 2011, near Randall, Iowa a breach in hog manure holding pond leaked into a nearby river killing fish five miles downstream.
(Associated Press)