

APRIL 14, 2016

TO: Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

Comments at public hearing in Jasper, AR April 14, 2016

RE: comments on Draft Renewal for NPDES General Permit
ARG590000 for the construction and operation of a Concentrated
Animal Feeding Operation

At the ADEQ meeting here on April 11, 2016 (and at similar meetings over the last three years) ADEQ employees have repeatedly told concerned Arkansas citizens that ADEQ employees are “just following regulations” when they are questioned about the C & H CAFO and what it is permitted to do.

Citizens have offered well thought out and researched suggestions in relation to every modification of the C & H operation.

None of them, to the best of my knowledge, have been implemented by the ADEQ.

When ADEQ does not act on suggestions like this, made by concerned Arkansas citizens, it appears that the ADEQ is only providing a show of no substance when it comes to inviting public participation.

The Buffalo River Coalition is presenting well thought out and carefully researched changes to Regulation 6. The C & H CAFO is the only facility that has been granted a General Permit under Reg. 6. Thus far the use of this General Permit has had disastrous effects for both the C&H operation and the citizens of Arkansas.

Now we have the opportunity to make the changes Regulation 6 urgently needs.

Will the ADEQ do what it is paid to do and listen to the people?

Additional language could be added to this Regulation 6 stating that that: All swine AFO CAFO permits- whether general or individual- will not be permitted be in the Buffalo National River watershed and other karst areas of the state. Additionally, no large scale application of swine waste to land from CAFOS over 350 head will be allowed in the Buffalo River Watershed.

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My understanding is that the sunset clause attached to the moratorium states that ADEQ Director could lift the moratorium.

I request that in Reg 6 AR6 59000 language be included

that makes the exclusion of swine CAFOs in the BNRA also include ^{PERMANENT AS THE 7 YEARS OF PERMIT} language that prevents the spread of swine waste from over 350 head. ^{PERMIT} ^{ALLOWS.}