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To: [Water Draft Permit Comments](#)
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Dear ADEQPS,

Arkansas enjoys calling itself "The Natural State"--that designation comes with responsibility to protect natural resources, not expose them to the sort of degradation that large animal factories create. I agree completely with the statement by the Buffalo River Alliance (copied below); we cannot allow our state's only pristine river, and the nation's first National River, to be exposed to yet more of the pollutants created by the likes of the C & H Hog Farm. E coli, agricultural pollutants and other toxins have begun showing up downstream of that operation. Renewing the permit that allowed C & H to exist would be a terrible mistake. Large-scale animal production facilities come and go, but the environments they ruin remain ruined for a very long time.

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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.