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ADEQ regulation ARG950000 is fatally flawed in that it did not foresee that damage that CAFO operations can cause to the residents of the Arkansas. The first victim was the Buffalo River Watershed.

According to ADEQ the C&H hog farm was within the regulations and thus it was approved. How will ADEQ correct the regulations to protect the Natural State from the dangers to the air quality and water quality ADEQ is required to protect that were uncovered when C&h hog farm was approved.

I am sure ADEQ has heard enough about the karst formations and the water quality to know that the first and only Factory Hog Farm was a huge mistake because it was located in the worst possible location, the Buffalo River Watershed. Now is the time for Arkansas' ADEQ to look at the experience of other states that have learned the sad lesson of what CAFO's have done to their states. The example that comes to my mind is North Carolina where the entire Piedmont area has been overrun with CAFO operations with the resultant destruction of air and water quality all the way to the Albemarle Sound. Other Midwestern states have the same experience along their river systems. The above examples explains why Cargill attempted to get a toe hold in Arkansas because of the lax regulations of ARG9500000.

Now you have the duty and responsibility to correct the problem and ensure that every watershed in Arkansas is protected from multi-national CAFO operators whose operations will harm the State of Arkansas and its residents. If ADEQ does not correct this problem it will be setting the stage for property values to decline and job losses where the air and water quality make living and working undesirable.

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.

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