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To: [Water Draft Permit Comments](#)
Subject: Water Draft Permit Comment to ADEQ re NPDES General Permit (ARG590000)
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--I oppose the renewal of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit (ARG590000) published March 15, 2016 in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette for eligible operators of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) in the State of Arkansas.

As a native Arkansan and a regular visitor to the Buffalo National River, I am very disappointed that the ADEQ would let a hog farm, or anything for that matter, foul our National River. Last week I was horrified to see and smell a "honeywagon" spreading raw animal waste in the pastures in Boxley Valley right next to the River. Why do you have not limits on such use of raw feces and urine?

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.

Thank you for your consideration.

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