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

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.

This decision made by you on this issue has significant economic (tourism), ecological, and public health ramifications for all Arkansans. Please look at the evidence and do the right thing.

Thank you,

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