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Speaker #17

Comments on the General Permit for CAFOs

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I am asking ADEQ to please cancel and close the present permit given to C+H CAFO when the permit is up next fall. I think the permit was granted hastily without close review of the problems inherent in placing a CAFO of this huge size on the karst topography of the Buffalo River. Pollution is already occurring in increased E. coli levels in local wells and nitrate and phosphate overloads. This is a huge polluting accident waiting and even now starting to happen. Spreading manure waste will make it

The permit, being statewide, should be revised to exclude CAFOs, large CAFOs, in the Buffalo River watershed. The moratorium now in place is proof that this is a huge concern. This permit should be closed and not reissued.

The permit should take into account

the special porous rock of karst topography and the danger of polluting the water, not to mention the air pollution, the odor that is already bothering neighbors.

Regulation language should reflect the dangers of CAFOS on karst, so that the next permit issued will include language about karst and thereby keep pollution out of the tributaries and the Buffalo National River. This river belongs to all of us, to every citizen of the United States of America, and we beseech ADEQ to do everything possible to keep it clean and safe.

Thank you.

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P.S. I stand with the comments
of the Buffalo River Watershed Alliance.
I also stand behind Bill Lord's comments tonight.