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To: [Water Draft Permit Comments](#)
Subject: C&H Hog Farm CAFO permit renewal (ARG590000)
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Dear A.D.E.Q members;

The C.A.F.O. permit under which C&H Hog Farms has been operating since 11/1/2011 is set to expire on 10/31/2016. I am urging you to renew this permit without changes at least until the Big Creek Research and Extension Team has completed its work evaluating if C&H Hog Farms is having any impact on the water quality of Big Creek and/or the Buffalo River.

It is my understanding that to date the Big Creek Research and Extension Team has found no evidence that C&H Hog Farms is having any impact on either water body. This lack of evidence of impact is, in fact, evidence that the current C.A.F.O. permit, in the current form, is more than adequate in protecting the environment and in protecting water quality of the respective watersheds in which the C&H hog farms operate. It is therefore practical to extrapolate that there are no changes needed to the current C.A.F.O. under which the C&H Hog Farms operate to be able to insure the protection of the environment. Any further restrictions would only serve to impede the free enterprise and free trade of C&H Hog Farms and could infringe upon their right to farm under Arkansas Law as well as possibly infringing upon their constitutional rights to free trade as United States Citizens.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this matter. I appreciate your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely

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