

**From:** [Shawn Porter](#)  
**To:** [Water Draft Permit Comments](#)  
**Subject:** General CAFO Permit renewal comment  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 13, 2016 11:34:30 AM

---

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.

I don't know what ADEQ was thinking by issuing this permit in the first place.. or perhaps not thinking.. perhaps just doing the bidding of the GOP, or the Farm Bureau, and or the Ar Swine Producers.. but whatever the case, the reasons are not sufficient to justify the pollution and unending controversy surrounding this permit and decision.

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 join thousands of Arkansans demanding non renewal of this permit.. so it cannot 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.

For anyone at ADEQ listening.. this would be the time to say enough is enough. We made a mistake. This permit will not be renewed or replicated.

Shawn Porter  
HC 72 Box 69  
Parthenon, AR 72666