March 21, 2013

Mo Shafii
Permits Branch, ADEQ
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

RE: ADEQ Permit No. ARG590001
C & H Hog Farms, Newton County, Arkansas.

Dear Mr. Shafii,

A staff review has been made of the information received on the referenced project. While the proposed land application sites are not within source water protection areas for any public water sources we have concerns that water-borne pathogens—including E. coli and Cryptosporidium—from the proposed land application sites may pose a risk for body contact on the Buffalo National River, a popular recreational destination.

If you have any questions or comments, please coordinate them through Brad Jones at 501-661-2067.

Sincerely,

J. Terry Paul, R.S.
Branch Chief Environmental Health
Center for Local Public Health
Arkansas Department of Health