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In 2012 ADEQ permitted a 6,500 hog confined feeding operation in the Buffalo River watershed. This means any run-off of the 4 plus million gallons of distributed waste, or leakage from the holding ponds goes downstream to the Buffalo River. The karst (cave) topography was not considered. This means that the waste either from the holding ponds or the land applications can go underground and travel just about anywhere water goes or emerges. The inappropriate positioning of this hog factory, the flaws of the permit, constant modifications, the data reports from the University of Arkansas (U of A), National Park Service (NPS), United States Geological Service (USGS), Karst Hydrology of the Buffalo River (KHBR) all show evidence to this extremely large pollution producer polluting the groundwater and the Buffalo River.

Leaving any waste during construction can cause the liners to bubble to the top, the liners are known to leak and this plan shows very little information in the design with no mention of leak detectors or plans for lining failure. The Big Creek Extension Research Team (BCERT) at the U of A shows groundwater contamination already occurring in the receptor trench, the house well and the downstream monitoring site. This contamination is not researched to find the cause of or the extent of its travel in the water by the BCERT.

The placement of liners and a gas flare do little for the air contaminants this facility produces. With approximately 64 7-8 foot fans that ventilate the hogs from their own stench this facility contributes to Arkansas' recent rank of 47th in poor air quality and the immediate health concerns of its inhabitants.

Consider putting only a bandaid on a cancerous tumor, you would only be covering the disease from site, this is similar to the constant modifications requested by C & H. The bandaid's are now patches and the ulcerous tumor continues to eat away the flesh while our state continues to issue the "first-aid-kit".

I am against any modifications to this facility prior to the completion of the judge ordered Environmental Assessment.

**Sincerely,
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