From: DByron

To: <u>Water Draft Permit Comments</u>

Subject: Re: C&H Hog Farms, Inc., Nutrient Management Plan Modification; ARG59001 AFIN 51-00164 C & H Farm

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Re: C&H Hog Farms, Inc., Nutrient Management Plan Modification; ARG59001 AFIN 51-00164 C & H Farm / Allowing land application via Vac Tanker method on Fields 7-9.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to state my opposition to ADEQ's decision to consider a modification of the C&H Hog Farms, Inc. CAFO permit without reopening the permit in its entirety.

Specifically I oppose allowing land application via Vac Tanker method on Fields 7-9.

It is common knowledge that this hog CAFO permit was granted without any public comment because of serious flaws in ADEQ's public notice process.

As a result, ADEQ permitted a CAFO that is allowed to spread over 2 million gallons of odoriferous wastewater a year on lands directly abutting a major tributary of the Buffalo River and within hailing distance of a public school. It did so without any consideration of this area's well-known karst geology which has a serious potential for allowing rapid underground flow of the polluted water into the Buffalo River.

ADEQ now has in its possession the underground studies performed by the University of Arkansas.

Those studies demonstrate the existence of underground features that would allow rapid underground flow in the floodplain of Big Creek where C&H wants to spread its waste.

Allowing C&H operations to move forward without a thorough and complete review of the permit in its entirely is counter to the spirit and intent of Arkansas statutes and the federal Clean Water Act.

The operations of this CAFO pose threats to the Buffalo River Watershed and to the health and livelihood of the people who live in the surrounding area.

ADEQ should immediately complete review of the permit in its entirely is counter to the spirit and intent of Arkansas statutes and the federal Clean Water Act.

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ADEQ should immediately require a reopening of the C&H permit in its entirety.

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