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As a resident of Newton County who is proud of our National free flowing Buffalo River, I continue to be concerned about the quality of the water given the presence of the C and H corporate factory hog farm. I would like to comment on the C and H request to install synthetic pond liners, a cover and a gas flare.

My first concern is why are they requesting this changes when they continually try to convince everyone that there is no pollution from their farm. If they need pond liners to contain the waste then they must recognize that there is a problem with the waste and the karst topography in the area that can allow the waste to enter the ground water and eventually the Buffalo.

Regarding the pond liners installation: how is this to be accomplished? How do they drain the current waste and what becomes of it during the installation process? It seems to be that interference with the ponds could only lead to further seepage. What will happen to the waste embedded in the pond bottom? Is there research behind the safety of this process? Failure of pond liners is not unheard of.

How safe are the gas flares? Will the Mt. Judea School and neighbors be adversely affected? These questions need to be answered based on reliable scientific data.

Thank you for considering my concerns (although my largest concern which cannot be addressed through this comment period is the fact that this factory hog farm exists at all this close to the National Buffalo River.

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