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I am a land owner in Newton County.

I oppose any modification to the Permit for C and H Farms until the entire permit is open to public hearing.

Here are my reasons.

Since no hearing was ever opened for this CAFO operation many aspects of the affect it would have on the people of Newton County and the State of Arkansas were never open to public discussion. Now C and H has requested a change to the permit so ADEQ can legally open the entire permit to public discussion.

The two fields that are being considered will have the following impact on the State of Arkansas and thus the following risks must be reconsidered for these two fields and all other previously approved fields. ADEQ has the responsibility to the citizens of the State of Arkansas to address these risks.

1. The Water Table in this region of the Ozarks and the underlying limestone structure.
2. The effects of runoff from the hog waste after it enters Big Creek and flows into the Buffalo National River especially in the event of a major flood.
3. The toxic gases in the vicinity of the Mt Judea school and its potential harm to school children.
4. The smells that the ponds and spreading fields will produce in Mt Judea and surrounding communities.
5. The affect on Land values in the areas surrounding the waste spreading fields and nearby areas.
6. The affect on Tourism in the Buffalo National River as a result of all of the above mentioned items.
7. The affect on the Economy of Newton County specifically jobs and businesses that will be put at risk.
8. The harm to the quality of water below the confluence of Big Creek and the Buffalo National River
9. The danger of permanently destroying the aquatic life in the Buffalo River Watershed
10. The most important reason to reopen the entire process is: ADEQ did not give the people who would be impacted any of the above the opportunity to give their

input so that the C & H owners and its supplier Cargill could see that it would improper to place a CAFO in the Buffalo River Watershed.

In short, It is in the Wrong Place and now "There is a Big Stink on the Buffalo".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I12E3klg-4E>

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