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Governor Mike Beebe  
State Capitol Room 250  
Little Rock, AR 72205

**RE: C & H Hog Farms located in Mount Judea, Arkansas and in the Buffalo National River Watershed**

Dear Governor Beebe:

I am writing to express my OPPOSITION to the location of the the above named Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation in the Buffalo National River Watershed, as well as my deep disappointment in the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality's flawed notice procedure and apparent lack of respect for a true public hearing process.

As there are far too many issues to enumerate here, allow me to bring one issue in particular to your attention.

In response to item NPS-33 in a letter from Kevin G. Cheri of the National Park Service, Farm Service Agency stated: "There is always *"the potential"* for violations...."

Perhaps it would be advisable to examine Cargill's reputation with regards to its other facilities. And yes, I am aware of Cargill's alleged role as "integrator". Please refer to the website of the Pork Network (porknetwork.com), which reported that in February, 2009 "Cargill Pork agreed to pay a \$1 million fine for illegally dumping manure that prosecutors say contaminated five miles of a Missouri river and killed 53,000 fish. Cargill also must pay \$51,000 in restitution for the federal Clean Water Act violation at the 17,000-head operation near Martinsburg, Mo., about 75 miles northwest of Saint Louis."

Please also refer to the website of Environment America (environmentamerica.org): "Corporate Agribusiness and America's Waterways," which states: "Cargill...has released increasing amounts of nitrate pollution from its slaughterhouse along the Illinois River. That slaughterhouse is one of three Cargill-owned facilities to rank among the nation's top 20 dischargers of toxic

chemicals to waterways in 2008. Nitrate pollution from the slaughterhouse has increased tenfold since 1998.”

Judging from their history, Cargill is likely to turn potential into fact.

In addition, I believe ADEQ is hiding behind poorly written laws to side with big business at the expense of the Buffalo National River, the people of Arkansas and the people of the United States.

This facility needs to be STOPPED!!

Regards,

  
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