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No modifications to the permit (including using a tanker truck for Pond #2 waste) should be allowed until numerous, ongoing mapping and land ownership errors are corrected. These maps and contracts identify where waste is to be applied.

Dye tracing studies have confirmed the numerous statements by geologists that the C&H hog factory should not be introducing raw sewage into karst topography.

- Spraying untreated sewage within a community where some residents rely on wells for drinking water, where a school is in close proximity to spray fields, and where thousands of visitors come to swim, canoe, and fish is creating a public health problem.

- And speaking of waste, scientific monitoring of water quality in Big Creek where it enters the Buffalo National River has indicated periods when E. coli levels are elevated and dissolved oxygen is low. The ponds may be leaking and/or the run-off from fields (or both) are causing or contributing to the problem. ADEQ has not reassured the public that the ponds are not at fault at all.

Based on the recent federal court ruling that requires a redo of the “cursory and flawed” Environmental Assessment of C&H, it is hard to understand how ADEQ can approve this or any other permit modification.

By approving this modification request, ADEQ would be saying that C&H can continue in the face of the court ruling, the scientific research, and public concerns. Should we follow the big money to see why Cargill wins out each time?? We, the public, are not stupid about karst topography and how big corporations are above the law. We just hope ADEQ will stand up for science and the public.

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