

From: [My Blue Heaven](#)
To: [Water Draft Permit Comments](#)
Subject: Objection to C&H ARG590001 modification
Date: Friday, August 07, 2015 1:45:19 PM

Dear Director Keogh and ADEQ Water Division,

As a citizen of the State of Arkansas and a resident of Newton County I object to the modification of C&H hog factory permit to allow installation of liners on ponds currently holding hog waste. The process of emptying the existing ponds, disturbing the clay liners, and working with large machinery to get a surface suitable for new liner present risk to the watershed. Any misstep is a potential disaster in the making. Has this ever been done in Arkansas after the fact before? If not properly installed there is evidence that the new liners can "float to the top" and allow raw sewage hog waste to seep into our porous, fragile, karst topography and into the waters of Arkansas. This has happened in other states. Liners can leak, and often do, overtime creating seepage that can contaminate the ground water, surface water and the soil. There is no system required to monitor this process. Self monitoring by the farmer is not an adequate solution. This requested modification is but another band aide for a flawed decision for this hog factory to be so ill- placed in the fragile, karst topography in Newton County and in the watershed of the Buffalo Nation River.

I respectfully ask that the modification to C&H for pond liner's and flare be denied. Future requests for all modification of C&H's permit should be opened up for public comment. I request that ADEQ fulfill it's mission which charges it with "protecting, enhancing, and restoring the environment for Arkansas". Please stop continually deferring to private entrepreneurs rather than acting in the public good to protect the waters, air and soil of Arkansas.

Sincerely,
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