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To: Reg-Comment

Subject: Public comments for proposed rule changes for the Buffalo River Watershed

Dear ADEQ,

I urge you to adopt the proposed rule changes proposed to you by the Ozark Society regarding the placement of large hog CAFOs in the Buffalo watershed. I'm very concerned about the potential of proliferation of these large operations in such a sensitive environment. It's already quite a stretch to trust the rules, regulations, technologies, and honest intentions of the large farm already operating near Mt. Judea. If these operations expand or further large hog farms enter the area, it is incredulous to believe that the Buffalo will not be significantly negatively impacted. The Buffalo is a national natural treasure that we are so fortunate to have here in The Natural State. In other states where these farms have proliferated significant environmental pollution has occurred. Furthermore, the Buffalo is in a karst swiss cheese geology and is uniquely sensitive to pollution entering water sources. An environmental catastrophe in this area would be devastating to the large tourism industry in the area as well as recreation, water quality, human health, endangered species and untold other significant arenas. ADEQ has been a stalwart in protecting the natural states natural health and beauty. This is a chance to step up and restore your agencies sparkling reputation and the trust of the citizens of the state of Arkansas. You would certainly regain my trust. Sincerely,

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