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Subject: comments on proposed regulation changes

RE: third-party proposal to change APCEC regulations 5 and 6.

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I write in support of the proposed changes to regulations 5 and 6 for these reasons:

1. The karst geology of this region significantly increases the risks associated with storage and land application of wastes produced by large confined feeding operations. The risk is to both surface and ground water in the Buffalo River watershed. The potential damage to water quality of the river and to other water supplies exceeds the benefits gained from the economies of scale of large animal feeding operations. The potential damage from a failure of waste storage ponds is simply too high.
2. The economic benefits of the Buffalo River are at risk if a significant pollution even should occur. Recovery of the health of the watershed may be easier than the recovery of the negative image associated with polluted water.

The statistics in support of these concerns have been widely publicized by others, so I will not repeat them here. I grew up near the Buffalo River and return several times a year to paddle, hike, and otherwise enjoy the beauty of the Ozarks. This beauty is worth protecting. I am not opposed to farming but large-scale industrial farming is not well-suited for this area of our state.