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Subject: CAFOs and the Buffalo River

As an Arkansas citizen who enjoys the Buffalo River and area surrounding it, I am very concerned about the CAFO near Mt. Judea. My worry is that the hog waste pond could be compromised due to excessive rain in the area or a leak in the liner of the pond. If this happens and the waste runs off into Big Creek, and ultimately the Buffalo River, the contamination to these waters could kill fish and other wildlife, as well as threaten the public health in the area. From what I understand about the karst topography of the Ozarks, any leakage from the waste pond can threaten nearby creeks, watersheds, and wells in the area.

Already there have been complaints about odor from this operation in the Mt. Judea area.

Perhaps it is too late to do anything about the CAFO that is up and running (unless a catastrophe occurs), but it is not too late to deny CAFO permits in the Buffalo River watershed in the future. Therefore, I urge ADEQ to enact the proposed regulation which would deny permits for these operations in the Buffalo River watershed.

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