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Mr. Doug Szenher

...please accept my comments regarding proposed changes to pig farm operations/regulations related to this issue. I am in favor of stronger, stricter regulations as currently proposed.

There are many issues and most have negative impacts - Water Quality - leakage from waste holding ponds as well as run-off, infiltration into the karst sub-layer, or flooding of the spray fields all pose significant threats. and, related to the Geology of area - porous limestone "Karst" topography allows for rapid transport of pollutants connecting surface water, ground water, wells, springs, streams and tributaries into the Buffalo River.

Additionally, economic benefits may be impacted if additional small or large scale hog farming is not well [reasonably]-regulated. Information from 2012 indicates the Buffalo National River attracted 1,093,083 visitors who spent \$50 million in communities adjacent to, near, and surrounding the river.

And, certainly not least - Public Health issues - airborne fecal matter and other pathogens can be carried by the winds from the barns and the spray fields to local residences, schools, and towns. Harmful bacteria can end up in the local swimming holes and in the Buffalo River itself.

Please give serious consideration to these and other like comments. Support our designated National River, our Natural State - help protect this amazing resource for our children, grandchildren and future generations.

respectfully, Rich Roy

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*Everyone is a genius. But if you judge a fish
by its ability to climb a tree, it will spend its
whole life believing it is stupid ---attributed to Albert Einstein*