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RE: Call for public comments  
Amendment to Arkansas Pollution Control and ecology Commission Regulations 5 and 6

Sir:

I support the Ozark Society and the Arkansas Public Policy Panel, and especially the Buffalo River Watershed Alliance in their efforts to mitigate and eliminate the pollution of the Buffalo River Watershed, specifically the operations of the Cargill related hog farming operations.

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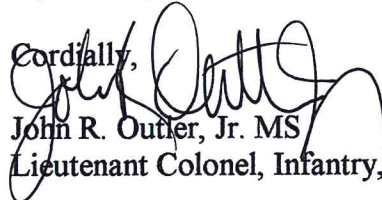
I urge you to do what you can to insure adoption of the new rules, even though they only address new operations and do nothing to remedy the Cargill related hog farm mess we are currently experiencing.

Sir, I am an Arkansas native, born in Hot Springs in 1947. I graduated high school in Benton, Saline County, and graduated college with a regular Army commission from Henderson in Arkadelphia in 1969. I have always been amazed at the willingness of our people to rape the earth for profit. From the clear cutting of our virgin hardwoods, to the pollution of Lake Hamilton which was finally cleaned up. Time and again we look the other way while business and politics take what can be taken.

I remember the Chattahoochee river in Georgia, when I was stationed at Fort Benning, GA. The river was so polluted we could not eat the fish I caught there. The Buffalo river is beautiful. As a native-born Arkansasan and ¼ Cherokee, I would like to honor my ancestors by keeping it as pristine as possible. Aside from the hard currency value to this river from tourist dollars, it is a State and National Treasure, so designated and as such should be protected.

Please do your part in protecting what is left of this beautiful state from those who would rape it for profit.

Cordially,

  
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