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To: Reg-Comment

Subject: Protecting Resources

This email is a request that your department that serves Arkansas's citizens be more aware that citizens do care about clean water and air. We have enough trouble with our beautiful state being degraded for the benefit of a few. A hog factory (it is not a farm) near any river in our state's karst areas should be out of the question. To "OK" a hog factory next to a tributary of our Buffalo River - really ? y'all thought that would be a good idea? For the factory owner or some other financial interest? The Natural State gets a lot of interest and visitors to our beautiful state. Once it is messed up who pays to fix it? Your department? If people get sick from something like this who pays for that loss? If our tourist drawing areas and small local businesses lose money because a corporation was allowed to destroy our resources for their profit who reimburses those losses? The corporations or your department? Please protect our land, water, air, and citizens. Why do we allow needless dangers to our resources and citizens ? Fracking is another stupid polluting venture. Who pays for the water that is permanently ruined? What can be done to repair the damage to the land and water? Please consider my questions and get some outside professional expertise. There is no shame in seeking scientific answers to protect our resources. At this point it looks like the money talks loud, likely greasing some hands, and the taxpayers pick up the bill. It is right for you to maintain the resources for our children's children than allow it to be squandered for the benefit of a few.

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