

June 30, 2014

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Dear Mr. Szenher:

The PC&E Commission has imposed a 180 day moratorium on animal feeding operations in the Buffalo River watershed in reaction to the emotional environmental outcry regarding C & H Hog Farms. There is no proof that this farm will have any impact on the watershed as evidenced by the permit received from your agency. I know that it's hard for ADEQ to ignore the negative public comments from people who certainly have a right to express them. However, these citizens, I suspect, are acting on their belief that hog farming in their area does not fit their lifestyle. Kind of like, it's not politically correct. I'll wager that cattle and chickens are raised nearby. There is a stigma about hogs as well as a smell. I understand that. But CAFO operations have improved substantially in the last ten years in regard to how the waste is handled. This farm is constructed to the highest modern standards by a family who want to earn a living doing what they do best.

Research is being done by a team of experts who can render a scientific analysis about the effect of the farm on the watershed. Why don't you let them do their job before restricting how the land is used simply because some people don't like it? That is a poor platform to build policy upon.

Thank you.
Nathan Gregory