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To: Reg-Comment

Subject: Proposal to Ban Med and Large Hog CAFOs in the Buffalo River Watershed

Dear ADEQ,

Your mission as you describe yourself on the website is to "... protect, enhance and restore the natural environment for the well-being of all Arkansans." You have completely failed to do so with respect to the Buffalo River Watershed.

A group of dedicated citizens paid for the drafting, documentation and other requirements to bring this issue before the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission instead of you (ADEQ) doing your job. The Buffalo River is a national treasure and should be treated conservatively due to the fragile karst limestone and its unique beauty. Instead rules were not enforced or ignored due to corruption or incompetence. The people of Arkansas and the nation overwhelmingly support protection of this river and it is your duty as stated in your mission statement to protect the environment for Arkansans-do your job!

I strongly support the 3rd party rule making to ban medium and large sized hog CAFOs in the Buffalo River Watershed. The regulations throughout Arkansas should be much stricter due to our drinking water and streams being contaminated by hog factories and other wastes. CAFO's are not farms, they are factories and contribute to huge amounts of pollution that consists of antibiotics, hormones, heavy metals and minerals that do not decompose or break down. The E. coli levels on the Buffalo and Big Creek are dangerously high. Attached is a photo from the Left Fork of Big Creek documenting the pollution with large algal blooms that are occurring now in May and June 2014

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