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To:
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Mr. Szenhor,

I am writing in support of proposed changes to Regulations 5 and 6 during this comment period. I am asking that the State of Arkansas not permit any additional medium or large factory farms in the Buffalo River Watershed and not permit an increase in the number of swine at the existing facility.

The largest number of people of Arkansas are best served by protecting the recreational benefits overtime of the nation's first National River and its watershed contributors. The recreational benefits on or near the Buffalo, the proximity of communities normal activities of simple outdoor time, all require this protection of water, air, and land quality.

The Buffalo River + its watershed is a jewel for Arkansas, the enjoyment of the natural formations in the Ozarks, amid the beauty of the River - all recognized and relished, as our new Crystal Bridges Museum is. Both will be paying dividends to the state in tourism dollars, in reputation, and in human resilience by nature's and art's beauty that soothes our souls.

Some of these benefits are measurable, as the Arkansas Public Policy reports over one million visitors in 2012 spent nearly forty four million dollars in communities of the river, all attracted to the Buffalo National River.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. It is a great hope of many that the Governor, ADEQ, & Cargill will choose to relocate the present C+H facility as well.

Sincerely,
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