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I support the changes proposed by ADEQ to Rule 5 and Rule 6 that would institute a permanent moratorium on issuance of permits for medium and large swine CAFOs in the Buffalo National River watershed.

My husband and I backpacked quite a lot in the Upper Buffalo Wilderness when my children were younger, and we got to experience firsthand the natural beauty of the Buffalo National River. We were amazed that Arkansas had the foresight to protect such a gem in order that our future grandchildren could also enjoy the wonders of the Buffalo.

It was wrong for the hog farm permit to have been issued to C&H, in the first place. If you've ever spent a rainy weekend hiking in the area of the Buffalo, you will see firsthand that runoff water seeps and flows from every nook and cranny surrounding the river and quickly finds its way into the river; hence, protecting the watershed areas around the River is vital to protecting the River itself. And not only does *surface* runoff flow into the River, but with the porous Karst geology of the whole area, underground water from various sources also manages to find its way to the Buffalo. We can't imagine why the hog farm permit was ever issued in the first place because it endangers the River and threatens to steal one of Arkansas's most precious gems from those of us who are Arkansas citizens. Please issue a permanent moratorium on this type of threat now, so that we Arkansans may turn our interests toward the future instead of always feeling compelled to "watch our backs," or, in this case, guard the River from those who would not hesitate to damage the watershed areas for their own personal gains.

Yours truly,

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