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**From:** Katie Deakins <kdnote@yahoo.com>  
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**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Attn: Carol Booth, Comments on Reg 6 Rulemaking

Ms. Booth:

I am very concerned about protecting the Buffalo National River Watershed. Of interest to BRWA (and to me as one of their supporters) are the changes to Chapter 6, "Specific Watershed Requirements" which establishes a permanent moratorium, stating in part, "The Director shall not issue a permit pursuant to this rule for a new swine CAFO in the Buffalo National River Watershed." **I fully support this language.**

My concern is with 6.602(C): "This rule does not prohibit the Director from issuing a new Rule 6 permit for a facility that holds an active Liquid Animal Waste Management Systems permit as of the effective date of this rule." Four facilities in the Buffalo National River watershed currently hold Reg 5 permits even though they are not operational at this time. Why have those permits not been voided? I hope this is simply an oversight that is going to be corrected.

The Buffalo National River is a treasure that must continue to be protected. Asa Hutchinson did the right thing when he authorized the buyout of the CAFO in Newton County. Millions of taxpayer dollars were spent to keep the Buffalo River watershed clean. Let's make sure that money was not wasted.

Please save the Buffalo River Watershed FOREVER!

Respectfully,  
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