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I support all the comments submitted by the Buffalo River Watershed Alliance (BRWA) regarding Rule 6 regulations open to public comment at this time.

Under "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 permanent moratorium language, along with the BRWA and thousands of Arkansans, those participating in the largest letter writing campaign to then Governor Hutchinson.

Section 6.602(C) however, says, "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." And this is very concerning to me and all those committed to protecting the Buffalo River waters.

BRWA has identified four facilities in the Buffalo River watershed with "Active" Reg 5 permits that could be effectively brought under this section 6.602(C), although none are currently operational and most have been effectively closed for several years. These facilities' permits are all in violation of regulations, and should be voided.

I support BRWA's request for clarification on this section referencing existing Reg 5 permits in the watershed of the Buffalo River.

Please accept and count my strong support for all comments made by the BRWA with respect to this rule making for proposed changes to Regulation 6.

Sincerely,
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