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Director Keogh and ADEQ staff,

As a stakeholder residing and making a living in the tourist industry in Newton County, Arkansas, I request that ADEQ follow through with a complete independent drilling and study at C&H Hog Factory as you promised the citizens of Arkansas in your press releases. To spend even more tax payer funds to do the drilling and then inadequately do so and allow only BCRET to be the present does not reflect well on your agency's commitment to protect the waters of the state. Instead it speaks clearly to your bias toward big ag and against transparency and the right of the citizens for a protected Buffalo National River. Frankly, after the errors and omissions of BCRET to brush aside the concerns of Dr Todd Halihan over a year and a half ago concerning a "possible major movement of waste below the ponds at C&H" I have no confidence of their doing anything but trying to protect the farmer and JBS. This is unacceptable and a insult to the citizens and a dereliction of their duty. There is just too much at stake. Anything less than the steps listed below undermines the validity of the findings and shows ADEQ's lack of commitment to transparency and true scientific study. In the interest of full disclosure the public also has the right to know how much ADEQ staff time and state resources are spent trying to defend a poorly sited and ill-conceived hog factory for one family and a multi-national conglomerate. The profits go to a few, mostly to JBS in Brazil, the pork goes to China and Newton County gets all the waste. How is this fair or just to the residents of Newton County, Arkansas? Our National Treasure, the Buffalo National River and the waters of the state are at risk and it is your mission to protect them. We expect and demand accountability and unbiased scientific study of the effect of tens of millions of gallons of hog waste spread and possibly leaked into our karst, fragile watershed.

In order to to an effective and complete study the follow must be done:

- • Please announce publicly in advance when the drilling will occur.
- • Prior to the drilling, please reveal what steps ADEQ will take if hog waste is discovered in the soil or bedrock underneath.
- • Drill to 120 feet as has been recommended rather than just 100 feet you have announced.
- • Drill at least three bore holes rather than just one. Citing added cost is not credible; the main cost is getting the equipment to the site. One hole is not sufficient for a complete scientific study in karst terrain.

- • Do not allow BCRET to have more than one observer on site during drilling, and only then if BRWA's preferred expert, Dr. Bert Fischer, is also present. Using Mr. Hubbard as an observer is only acceptable if NO BCRET observers are present.
- • Conduct dye tracing using the completed bore hole before it is filled back in, while the above indicated observers are on site.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Watkins

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