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Dear Director Keogh:

After reading the letter from The National Park Service to the ADEQ concerning the water samples taken from Mill Creek, one of the major tributaries to the Buffalo River, I was very disheartened to hear that the ADEQ's response to their request that these streams be placed on the "Impaired Waterbodies" list was no. Can you please explain why the ADEQ is not supporting the Park Service's request, which is in the best interest of the river's health as well as the health of plants, animals and people? Please do the right thing and protect the Buffalo (and others as well). This river is a national treasure and brings in lots of revenue, tourism and recreational enjoyment - we/you are the protectors of these natural resources and, for the life of me, I cannot understand why the ADEQ is not more supportive of making sure the Buffalo, and all aspects of it, are clean and safe for not only today's but future generations as well.

I have always felt it was a grave mistake to allow a huge hog farm (or any hog farm for that matter) anywhere close to this river. After it happened I had faith that, once studies were done and people in control could see the negative impact the hog farm was having on the river, that facts and reality would step in and the hog farm would be shut down. Not only is that not the case but now the ADEQ is not willing to take the next logical step, at the National Park Service's request, and at the very LEAST place the streams requested on the Impaired Waterbodies list.

We moved to Arkansas in 1999. One of the reasons we moved here was because of the wonderful rivers, streams and everything that nature had to offer.

Why is the ADEQ not supporting the NPS? They are reporting their findings to you and asking for help. . .we are all asking you for help and I guess the real question is does the ADEQ represent us, the people, or the hog farmers? That will be answered by the direction the ADEQ goes and I can only hope it will do the right thing.

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