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Cc: [My Blue Heaven](#)
Subject: Kane.Webb@arkansas.gov
Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 7:42:19 AM

ADEQ Staff and Director Keogh:

I am a business owner and resident of Newton County Arkansas that relies solely on visitors to the Buffalo National river for my livelihood. My family also floats and enjoys the river regularly. I believe you have ignored the reality that the River and it's tributary Big Creek are impaired due to ecoli and dissolved oxygen in these streams due to million of gallons of hog waste spread of karst field near the creek from from C&H Hog factory. Our fragile karst landscape allows seepage that is doing extreme harm to the water quality that is a health hazard. Surely you would not want your family to swim, float or recreate in water that had ecoli levels that risk their health. It is shocking that you would risk the health of others due to influence of special interests or through your agencies lack of competence to act responsibly. As a citizen of the state of Arkansas I demand that you to follow your state mandate to protect this extraordinary water resources. I think it is your moral obligation to do all you can to protect the waters of the state and I am deeply disturbed that ADEQ repeatedly refuses to do so.

In regard to the 303(d) list, the National Park Service has found through scientific monitoring that three tributaries of the Buffalo National River are impaired. NPS reported this to you by letter on October 6th, 2015. It has been nearly six months and ADEQ has not responded. ADEQ has published a 303(d) list of Arkansas impaired waters and declined to include these tributaries on the list. ADEQ personnel when questioned at the 303(d) meeting indicate that this is stalled at your office. As an Arkansas Taxpayer I am concerned that our tourism industry is at risk by your inaction. Please respond in regard to your specific plans to clean up Big Creek, Mill Creek, and Bear Creek. Every day that goes by places the Buffalo National River and the 56 million dollars in tourism benefits at further risk.

Sincerely,

Susan Watkins, Parthenon, AR 72666

From: [My Blue Heaven](#)
To: [Wise, Jim](#); [Keogh, Becky](#); [ImpairedWaterbodies.Comments](#); hunt.laura@epa.gov
Cc: [My Blue Heaven](#)
Subject: 303 (d) Arkansas Impair Water List
Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 7:50:55 AM

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Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 7:58:01 AM

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