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To Whom it may Concern,

I am writing to ask the ADEQ and the Pollution Control and Ecology Commission to include Big Creek and the Buffalo River in Section 5 so that the pollution of these streams can be remediated and dealt with by a regulatory body that has authority to act in defense of these waters. The Buffalo River was not declared a federally protected river only to be polluted and degraded by industrial agricultural operations that should never have been permitted in the karst geology of the Buffalo watershed. Furthermore, I ask you to stand firm in denying C&H Hog Farm a category 5 permit allowing it to continue to operate and threaten the health and the livelihoods of all who love the Buffalo River. Arkansans consider the Buffalo River as one of our state's treasures.

The algae blooms now spreading on these streams are toxic health hazards to residents, tourists, fish and wildlife alike and must be dealt with before they destroy the viability of these waters and the important regional tourist trade that provides jobs and incomes to hundreds of Arkansans, whereas the C&H Hog Farm benefits only a single family. **It is your job to prevent such environmental catastrophes from occurring, and to act to find the true sources of such pollution and deal effectively with them to restore the purity of our waters.** The citizens of Arkansas call upon you to do the job you are sworn to do and to respond to the outcry from Arkansans like me who are outraged by your unwillingness to stand fast in denying the C&H permit and any others for factory farms for which they apply.

Thank you.

Beth Seward

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