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Small farms and the Buffalo river have coexisted for hundreds of years without excessive pollution of the first National River in America. The Buffalo National River is now impaired. What changed? A CAFO located in the watershed. The timeline of that swine factory and the pollutants in the Buffalo National River track simultaneously. Arkansas is the steward of this National Treasure. The only option for Arkansans, political and non-political, is do whatever it takes to protect these waters. The true small farmers on the Buffalo River will continue to co-exist from mutually beneficial environmental practices. Decisions in the ADEQ department should be driven by impartial factual evidence and science produced by professionals in their respective fields for the benefit of ALL Arkansans, not by political appointments for selected corporate industries. My objections to the C&H CAFO remain the same:

Objections:

- 1: Lack of written plans for emergency environmental catastrophic events, including financial liability for clean up, medical disaster, polluted water resources. Who is liable? C&H Farms or the State of Arkansas taxpayers? Who are emergency responders? Who has authority to call an environmental emergency on the Buffalo National River? The National Park Service, the State of Arkansas, the residents downstream?
- 2: Health impact on Mt Judea area residents, over 1 million tourists (annually), rural well waters, and Arkansas residents who breath the toxic fumes, swim in swine manure bacteria infected waters leached from the over-sprayed pastures in the water-shed of the Buffalo National River.
3. Economic disaster for Arkansas Tourism that depends on the Buffalo National River tourists, including cabin rentals, restaurants, convenience stores, outfitters, and more.
4. Policy/Procedure failure to follow ADEQ written policies and procedures regarding geological requirements for site locations when C&H CAFO was first permitted and for every succeeding permit request; ADEQ departmental procedures for original permit approval were not followed regarding geological data collection, review, or approval.
5. Inhumane treatment of large animals confined, medicated, and unnaturally raised from birth to maturity to table.

CLOSE THE CAFO

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