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Until the leadership within our State of Arkansas can honestly examine its support of all-things agriculture, we will continue to purposefully erode the unique nature of the Natural State. Where's the "think-different" that should be forthcoming from our environmental agencies?

In spite of its importance, not all agriculture is good agriculture. As a crucial example, large-scale confined animal operations such as now exist in the Buffalo River basin necessarily injure the water body via nutrient enrichment. Clearly, this will worsen over time as the transport mechanisms progress.

Clearly, the capacity of the seasonal Buffalo River to absorb anthropogenic contaminants is limited. Clearly, this is an important river, and Arkansas is its charged steward. Clearly, a great many people and businesses derive significant well-being and income as a result of this environmental attraction. M

The seasonality of this warm and uncontrolled water body infers that management must focus on the worst potential conditions in formulating pollutant loading plans. The worst of the applicable conditions includes injuries from confined animal operations which are necessarily hydrologically connected if they lie in the basin.

Is the advocacy and zeal that should be provided by ADEQ being smothered by politics and paperwork? How do we improve that?

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