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To: [WaterbodyComments](#)
Subject: Comments on impaired section of the buffalo River
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Dear Director Keogh and members of the ADEQ,

The discovery of the algae and impairment of the Buffalo River that corresponds with the dye tests of the movement of water from the C&H CAFO confirms what has been predicted by knowledgeable geologists from before the placement of the farm. The karst geology allows the toxins and excess nutrients that are poisonous to the river to flow into the stream from Big Creek.

Not only the fragile ecology of the river is threatened with permanent impairment, including the entire riparian area, but the economy of the region dependent on tourism is already being negatively impacted. This was all predicted as inevitable. The historical inattention of the ADEQ to this threat to the river must be redressed by the discontinuance of the permit for the C&H CAFO. This must be accomplished with no more delay. The farm should be removed, no more CAFOs on any Arkansas Rivers should be permitted, and there should be remediation to repair the health of the river.

I appreciate that the permit was discontinued by the ADEQ, but the lawsuits have dragged on for some time, while C&H continues to operate and pollute.

I have floated on exactly that area of the beautiful river. It is heartbreaking to see it being covered with algae. This is an ecological crime that could have been avoided with proper oversight.

Thank you,
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