To ADEQ staff,

We support the proposed changes to APCEC Regulations 5 and 6 that seek to prohibit the ADEQ Director from issuing Regulation No. 5 permits for Confined Animal Operations, and Regulation No. 6 permits for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, for facilities in the Buffalo National River Watershed with either 750 or more swine weighing 55 pounds or more, or 3,000 or more swine weighing less than 55 pounds. The regulation changes will prohibit an increase in the number of swine at existing facilities in the Buffalo National River Watershed.

Stopping CAFOs in the Buffalo River Watershed is a high priority for us. It is a national treasure that ADEQ should aggressively protect with preventative measures to insure its future for our children and grandchildren, whether they use the river for swimming and canoeing or they make a living farming or in local business.

And I’d just like to add that I think the ADEQ Director should resign, perhaps the whole staff, and institute oversight and review regulations WHICH WERE IN PLACE originally. Or you can all just move next to CAFO this disaster we now have.

Sincerely,

Jim Westbrook, Kathy Downs, and I assume everyone who cares about this National River.