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Subject: Ban Factory Swine Operations in Buffalo River Watershed

Please support the third party rulemaking petition to ban new medium and large confined swine operation in the Buffalo National River Watershed by amending Arkansas Pollution and Control and Ecology Commissions regulations 5 & 6.

To risk the Buffalo National River becoming polluted by millions of gallons of hog manure allowed by current Arkansas regulations is a blatant disregard of the stated mission of ADEQ. ADEQ is charged with preventing, controlling and abating pollution that could harm Arkansas’s valuable natural resources.

It is a very simple task to learn from the health crisis and water pollution caused by factory swine operations in Iowa and North Carolina. Arkansas does not want to learn this lesson by inviting factory swine operations to our watersheds. We want to stop it now!

Factory farms/swine operations are inhumane, dangerous to public health, harm the economy (tourism on the Buffalo National River), divide communities and pollute rivers. This has been proven with countless scientific studies and factual evidence from other states.

Citizens are counting on you to do the right thing for Arkansas and our watersheds. Please do not abuse your discretion to favor corporate farming.

Sincerely,

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