I support the changes proposed by ADEQ to Rule 5 and Rule 6 that would institute a permanent moratorium on issuance of permits for medium and large swine CAFOs in the Buffalo National River watershed.

• The karst geology in the Buffalo river area makes it unsuitable for concentrated animal feeding operations due to the many caves, springs and underground streams.

• Soils in the Buffalo watershed are thin and are thus unable to contain the large amounts of animal waste that are produced by CAFOs.

• Permitting C&H was an admitted mistake. Only a ban on this type of facility can ensure that the mistake is not repeated in the future.

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