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 Buffalo River flow through karst terrain that is unsuitable for concentrated animal feeding operations due to the vulnerability of water resources (groundwater, springs, streams, and rivers) in such terrain to pollution of the water resources -- groundwater, springs, streams, and, yes, rivers -- to pollutants applied to the terrain's thin surface soils.

ADEQ made a mistake in issuing a permit to the C&H CAFO. There only way to guarantee that similar mistakes will not be made in the future is to ban CAFOs from the Buffalo River Watershed.

Sincerely,
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