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Please accept the following comments in full support of C&H Hog Farms being granted their request for a Reg 5 permit and being allowed to continue their operation.

C&H Hog Farms has been in business for more than five years with NO environmental violations.

The introduction of "karst topography" as a reason to deny an operational permit potentially brings 30 percent of all farmland in Arkansas into regulatory question. This introduction is very concerning and to my knowledge does not align with other states which have karst topography.

I am personally familiar with the Agricultural Waste Management Field Handbook and fully understand that it contains recommendations and not requirements.

It is shocking and that out of 2,243 agriculture applications received by the ADEQ, C&H is the first and only permit application to be denied.

I urge you to allow sound science, and not emotion, to drive decisions concerning Arkansas' environmental standards.

Please listen to the scientists who have spent their lives studying water-quality issues, and not the citizen vigilantes whose sole intent is to shut down this farm.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in favor of this operation being granted the permit.

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