

# Betty Eddings

To Whom It May Concern:

ADEQ should use sound scientific evidence from the unbiased study performed by the University of Arkansas when making the decision about C & H Hog Farm's Regulation 5 permit as opposed to using information obtained and provided by environmental elitists and extremist groups such as the Buffalo River Watershed Alliance. Please confirm whether ADEQ consulted the US Geologic Study in its determination to deny the permit. Please identify the specific data and sources of the data that ADEQ has used to make its accusation that "the record contains information that the operation of this facility may be contributing to water quality impairments of waters of the state" (direct quote from ADEQ's Statement of Basis). Even if leeway was given to say that water samples collected by members of the Buffalo River Watershed Alliance were legitimate (which anyone with any common sense would know that samples from such a biased group cannot and should not be relied on), what analysis of the data did ADEQ perform to determine that C & H was the cause of the supposed impairment? How did ADEQ rule out that the supposed impairment wasn't caused by the millions of visitors to the watershed that the National Park Service touts or all the wild hogs in the area? How was all of that skimmed over and ruled out to come to the conclusion that the cause may actually be from C & H's operation? It doesn't take much effort to see clearly exactly what is going on here and that ADEQ is purposefully withholding issuance of a permit to an operation that meets and/or exceeds all of the requirements in the regulation to obtain a permit.

Thank you,

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