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Bravo to ADEQ for denial of the Reg. 5 Permit for C & H Farms!! Thank you for making that decision and hopefully 'instating' it! Stopping the liquid waste spraying and retention ponds will hopefully make a big difference in the water quality of the

Buffalo National River. Having grown up on the Buffalo then later coming back to make my living as a canoe operator/NPS concessionaire, I know the economic value of this river and how many jobs it supports in the tourism industry. Each year I am amazed how the public visitation numbers are increasing. Before the ban came out on swimming in the river mid-summer, I was horseback riding on a hot day with several friends and we stopped to swim to cool off. After getting out of the water, each of us experienced an itchy, tingly feeling on our skin. We did note a good amount of algae along the shore. For years I have floated, camped and

swam in this river and have never seen such great amounts of algae here as this year....all downstream of the Big Creek confluence.

PLEASE do the right thing and impose this denial of Reg 5 Permit to C & H Farms!! We want our clean, pristine Buffalo back...and our visitors...and not risk the loss of revenue and jobs!! This entire ordeal of allowing a CAFO to set up on a tributary of a national river is a HUGE EMBARRASSMENT to not only to the State of Arkansas but to the entire nation!

Thanks for receiving public comments!

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