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The ADEQ needs to give C and H Farms their Reg. 5 Permit. The facility has had no environmental violations whatsoever! They have been a model farming organization that has went above and beyond what ADEQ and the EPA has required of them! It seems that the reason for not issuing the permit has to do with individuals in the government agencies bowing down to uninformed, uneducated, and unscientific information! One would think that a government entity that is supposed to be based on science, would base their decisions on science and not emotions or pressure! If the ADEQ is not willing to accept the scientific information from the University of Arkansas Big Creek Research Team, why would it accept "data" from the Buffalo River Watershed Alliance instead? What makes the BRWA's data more scientific and fact based than the University's? This non-issuing of this permit can and will have devastating effects on other farmers and ranchers in not only Newton County, where a vast majority of the complainers against C and H Farms do not live, but also state wide! Contrary to some people's "data", tourism on the Buffalo River has not slowed down, this is according to the National Park Service. Why will the ADEQ not deny the Park Service their permit to dump chemically treated "blue toilet water" derived from human waste, directly into the Buffalo River? Does this not harm and contaminate the river's water more than organic hog waste, that has not even been proved to be getting into the river?