

## Edward Proctor

I live on Bear Creek in Northern Boone County. When we have large rain events, more than 8" of rain in 3 days, the creek floods at levels 10' to 15' above normal. When truly catastrophic rain levels occur as has happened recently with hurricanes Harvey, Florence, and Michael, it is not possible to design holding ponds that will not overflow/breach and contaminate all areas downstream. This has recently occurred in the Carolinas with devastating effects on watersheds and human populations. Reports indicate that affected areas will be contaminated for years and may never return to pre-flood conditions. It is a near certainty that our area will be subject to such flooding events at more frequent intervals, possibly as often as every 10 -15 years. In my career in the nuclear power industry, locating a plant where such obvious hazards exist would constitute a complete dereliction of duty. Similarly, permitting C&H Hog Farm (and others which will surely follow) in the Buffalo National River watershed constitutes a complete abdication of the responsibility of ADEQ to protect our region from such obvious environmental hazards.