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Ms. Becky Keogh
Director
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
5301 Northshore Drive
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Re: C&H Hog Farm

Dear Ms. Keogh:

On behalf of the Buffalo River Watershed Alliance ("the Alliance"), I am writing to address the issue of the C&H Hog Farm's permit to install artificial liners in its waste collection ponds on the site of the facility. We understand that ADEQ has granted C&H authority to install those liners, but we are not aware of the schedule for that installation to occur.

As you recall, at the meeting of the Arkansas Pollution Control & Ecology Commission meeting in April, the Buffalo River Coalition presented information that indicated the possibility of a release of liquid hog wastes from the facility in the vicinity between the barns and the ponds that was migrating into the environment. We understand that the Big Creek Research and Extension Team (BCRET) is scheduled to make a presentation at the Commission's regular meeting in June to discuss this situation.

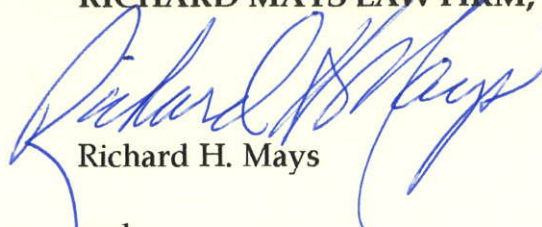
It is the position of the Alliance that it would be premature for C&H to install liners in the collection ponds prior to the completion of the drilling requested by the Buffalo Coalition and any additional tests, studies or analysis that are done of the potential release of contaminants from that area. If it is true that there is a release from that area, remediation work may be required to be conducted in and around the ponds, and placement of liners in the area before completion of the investigation would result in additional and unnecessary expense and could further exacerbate any possible contamination leading to more extensive groundwater pollution.

We would appreciate your advising the Alliance of any activities regarding installation of the new liners that are scheduled prior to the June Commission meeting, and your position on ADEQ taking action, if necessary, to delay any such scheduled activities prior to that meeting.

Thank you for your usual courtesy and kind attention to this request.

Sincerely,

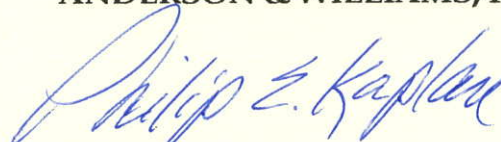
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