
Public hearings on the draft White River Basin Plan were held at Mt. View at 7 p.m. May 12, 1976, and at Brinkley at 7 p.m. May 13, 1976. Two comments were received at the hearings and one written comment was received after the hearings.

A summary of the comments received and staff recommendations for disposition is attached.

The Commission hereby approves the White River Basin Plan as written, subject to the staff completing the recommended changes as described in the attached summary.

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Chairman Submitted by: Hannah Date Passed 5/28/76

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS ON DRAFT 303(e)
WHITE RIVER BASIN PLAN
AND SUGGESTED ACTIONS ON THESE COMMENTS

Public hearings were conducted by Department staff and Commission members on Wednesday May 12, 1976, at 7 p.m. and Thursday May 13, 1976, at 7 p.m. in Mountain View and Brinkley, respectively.

Mr. J. C. Edwards representing Arkansas Eastman commended the Department for the plan; however, he suggested two changes.

He suggested that the paragraph on page 56 referring to the initial classification of stream segments as "Water Quality Limited" be deleted. In addition, Mr. Edwards suggested that Table A-2 on page 324 be deleted since it only refers to the initial classifications and not final stream classifications.

It is the staff recommendation that Appendix I, which contains page 324, be rewritten such that the entire table can be left out. To delete the narrative on page 56 referring to "Water Quality Limited" classifications in the initial planning process would be further confusing, and it is recommended that page 56 remain as written.

Mr. Gary Carnahan, representing Cooper Communities, suggested that the Department send copies of spot surveys to each permittee. It is the staff recommendation that this become standard practice for the engineer in charge of the "compliance monitoring", and that page 45 of the basin plan be changed to read as such.

Mr. Goodloe of the Ecology Center by written request suggested that the White River Basin Plan was deficient in data concerning the wildlife, recreational, and aesthetic qualities of the Lower White River Basin, and that this could be corrected by attaching "Disappearing Wetlands in Eastern Arkansas" by Trusten H. Holder to the existing draft.

It is suggested by the staff that addition of "Disappearing Wetlands" to the present plan would serve no useful purpose and should not be included in the plan as an attachment.
