



A public hearing was held on May 12, 1983, to receive comments on the proposal by the Department of Pollution Control and Ecology to classify the watercourses described below in accordance with the provisions of Section 4(c) of the Arkansas Water Quality Standards, which provisions are commonly called the Intermittent Stream Policy. Comments were received at the time of the hearing on the proposed revisions of Appendix A of the Arkansas Water Quality Standards. Subsequently, these comments have been addressed.


The Commission hereby approves these revisions to the Arkansas Water Quality Standards with the classification of the following streams as Intermittent or man made ditch.


- (1) Stone Dam Creek, which is tributary to Lake Conway, is the receiving stream for Conway;
- (2) Sulphur Creek, which is tributary to the Little Red River, is the receiving stream for Heber Springs;
- (3) Godfrey Creek, which is tributary to Lower Cutoff Creek, is the receiving stream for Monticello; Lower Cutoff Creek is a tributary to the Seven Devils Lake;
- (4) Lick Creek, which is tributary to Millwood Lake, is the proposed receiving stream for Wilton;
- (5) Mill Creek, which is tributary to Cadron Creek, is the proposed receiving stream for Quitman;
- (6) Big Branch Creek, which is tributary to James Fork, is the proposed receiving stream for Hackett;
- (7) Whitemans Creek, which is tributary to Little Bay Ditch, is the receiving stream for Jonesboro East; Little Bay Ditch is a tributary to Ditch Number 10;
- (8) King Bayou Ditch which is tributary to Bayou Meto, is the receiving stream for Stuttgart.

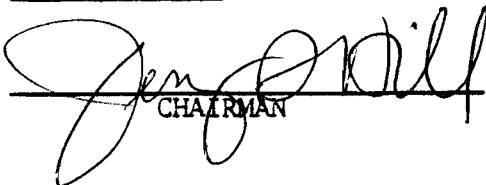
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ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF POLLUTION CONTROL AND ECOLOGY

RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY

CONCERNING

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE ARKANSAS WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

(Commission Regulation No. 2, as amended)

I. Public Participation Activity Conducted

Public hearing May 12, 1983, at the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission auditorium, No. 2 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

II. Individuals commenting at the Hearing

The following persons appeared at the hearing and submitted oral and/or written comments:

Dr. John Miller, League of Women Voters
Nesbit Bowers, Arkansas Wildlife Federation
Clyde Temple, Committee for a Clean Saline
Bob Bogard, Arkansas Federation of Water and Air Users
Michael Coe, Friends of the Earth
Swami Vedant Dervisha, private citizen
Kenneth Holke, Beaver Lake Advisory Committee

In addition, the following persons submitted written comments prior to the comment period deadline:

Ellen Neaville, Arkansas Audubon Society
Carl W. Hilton, Prairie Creek Association
Pat Costner, Heal the Waters

III. Issues Presented for Public Comment

The only proposed change to the Arkansas Water Quality Standards was an addition to Appendix A to classify or reclassify the receiving streams of eleven municipal wastewater treatment plants to intermittent or ephemeral status. After publication of the hearing notice but before the date of the hearing, three receiving streams were withdrawn from consideration for various reasons, and this fact was announced at the start of the hearing.

IV. Public Response

A wide range of comments was received at the hearing and during the comment period which followed. Responses ranged from unqualified support of the Department's proposal to objections or questions regarding specific portions of the proposal. Some speakers equated the proposal with an overall lowering of the state standards, and opposed any such lowering on general principles. Some comments were not related directly to the subject matter of the hearing, but dealt with more general aspects of water pollution, or other matters, such as the composition of the Commission on Pollution Control and Ecology.

V. Changes Resulting from Public Comments

All comments germane to the issues presented at the hearing were given due consideration by the Department staff in its review of the statements. However, there were no changes in the Department's proposal resulting from public comments. The only changes made by the Department were the result of new guidance received from the United States Environmental Protection Agency during the review process.

VI. Evaluation of Public Participation Effectiveness

The number and diversity of persons attending the public hearing and commenting on the Department's proposal (see copy of hearing transcript for attendance list) indicates that at least modest success was achieved in notifying the public and prompting responses from it.

VII. Distribution of Responsiveness Summary

Copies of this summary have been provided to members of the Arkansas Commission on Pollution Control and Ecology, appropriate representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency, and information depositories maintained by the Department of Pollution Control and Ecology throughout Arkansas (see Attachment 1 of the hearing transcript for list).