

Pursuant to public notice and comment, the Commission on Pollution Control and Ecology hereby adopts the draft FY'88 Construction Grants Priority System and List, provided that:

1. The comment from the Little Rock Wastewater Utility requesting a change in Section 27 of the Priority System to allow replacement funding for the failed rotating biological contractor units at the upper Fourche Treatment is not accepted and Section 27 is to remain as proposed.

2. Based on public hearing comments from Garver and Garver, Section 23 of the Priority System is revised to remove the requirement for full compliance with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) procedures for projects with estimated construction costs ranging between \$2,500,000.00 and \$10,000,000.00. The EPA requirement for a "Certified Value Specialist" will be removed in the State procedures as a result of this comment. The additional comment from Garver and Garver suggesting the lowering of the threshold for of the requirement from \$2,500,000.00 to \$2,000,000.00 is also not accepted.

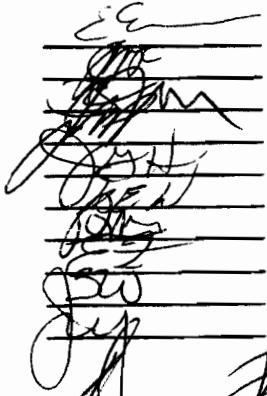
Additional comments were received on Section 23 from McGoodwin, Williams, and Yates, the City of Harrison, and the City of Rogers. Based upon these comments, Section 23 is amended to exclude proposed projects from the value engineering requirement in cases whereby plans and specifications have been previously certified as complete by the Department.

3. Based on public hearing comments from the City of Prairie Grove, Section 14 of the Priority System is amended to extend the time for potential grantees to submit and obtain approval of documentation proving a significant impact on water quality until September 30, 1987.

4. Two comments received from the Sugarloaf Wastewater Treatment District with regard to increased funding cannot be accepted due to the need for a system for the orderly distribution of funds when available. The various impacted sections of the Priority System shall remain as proposed.

5. The final comment received from the City of Mount Ida, being general in nature, is accepted.

COMMISSIONERS




CHAIRMAN

SUBMITTED BY: Larry Wilson

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