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Doug Szenher
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, AR 72118

Re: Public Comment- Reg. 6 Rulemaking

Dear Mr. Szenher:

I am writing in support of the changes proposed by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) to Regulation 6 in Commission Docket 14-004-R. In addition to the proposed changes I ask the Commission to include the following additional public notice procedures:

- Include notification to the National Park Service and the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism when a facility will be located in the watershed of a National Park or State Park under 6.207(A). This will assist to conserve areas that have been established as being of national and state importance.
- Include notification to the Arkansas Department of Health under 6.207(A) in order to better protect and improve the health and well being of all Arkansans.
- Add clarifying language under 6.207(G) that “written and published notification would be issued no more than 30 days prior to the submission of the NOI” to ensure notification is timely.

Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) have the potential to threaten our public and environmental health. It is of great importance that polices are in place to ensure communities, concerned citizens, landowners, and appropriate government officials receive notification for any Notice of Intent filed with ADEQ for a CAFO in Arkansas. I ask that you adopt these proposed changes to better serve and protect the public. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Anna Weeks
Environmental Policy Associate

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