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Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Mr. Caleb Osborne Director, Water Division Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality 5301 Northshore Drive North Little rock, AR 72118-5317

RE: Draft Permit No. 5264-W, AFIN 51-00164 Request for Extension of Comment Period

Mr. Osborne:

Friends of the North Fork and White Rivers, a non-profit watershed organization devoted to protecting and improving water quality in the Middle White River watershed, requests an extension of the period for public comments on the draft permit listed above for a period of thirty (30) days from the current deadline on March 17.

Because of scientific reports that will be released in the period requested and their particular relevance to the draft permit, the public needs more time to review these documents and prepare comments that contribute to the decision on the permit by ADEQ. Reports by Van Brahana, Ph.D., David Mott, and Sandy Formica are expected to show significant environmental impacts associated with the draft permit.

Thank you for your consideration of the extension.

Sincerely, Sam D. Cooke Sam D. Cooke President, Friends of the North Fork and White Rivers

CC: Friends of the Rivers Board

Friends of the North Fork and White Rivers is an Arkansas 501(c)(3) non-profit organization devoted to creating an ongoing dialogue where individuals, groups, and government agencies can work together to conserve, restore and enhance these beautiful rivers.

From:Solaimanian, JamalTo:Deardoff, AmySubject:FW: [BULK] Request for Extension of Comment Period on Draft PermitDate:Wednesday, March 15, 2017 8:53:55 AMAttachments:FriendsOsborneLtr.Permit Extension.doc

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From: Osborne, Caleb
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 8:53 AM
To: Solaimanian, Jamal; McWilliams, Katherine
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See attached. We have received another request for extension.

From: Sam Cooke [mailto:sdcooke22@gmail.com]
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