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From: Chris Centofante <artbychriscento@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2022 10:30 PM
To: Water Draft Permit Comment
Subject: Re: Discharge Permit AR0053210 Afin 60-05010
Attachments: Loretta Carstens letter 12-9-22-1.docx

Dear Ms. Carstens,

Please find enclosed a letter and photo/video link opposing AR0053210 discharge permit.

Respectfully,

Chris Centofante

Loretta Carstens, P.E.
Permits Branch, Office of Water Quality
Division Of Environmental Quality
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118-5317

December 12, 2022

Re: Discharge Permit AR0053210 Afin 60-05010

Dear Ms. Carstens,

I am requesting that ADEQ deny the Paradise Valley sewage facility and I request a public hearing. The revised draft permit will cause considerable harm to a pristine wetlands area, Mill Bayou and its tributaries. The sewage facility would endanger drinking water, livestock, wildlife and the environment.

Mill Bayou water is considered drinkable, fishable and swimmable by ADEQ's own standards, and recent water testing confirms this. It will no longer be the case if this permit is allowed.

Please find attached photos and videos of Mill Bayou completely dry this summer and still dry in October, when I took these photos in different places along Hwy #300.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/80o6lah9ux5n3qv/AACDek1N4FZj5CIlymFBErxNa?dl=0>

Mill Bayou is unsuitable for AR0053210 sewage treatment facility because it is completely dry at different times throughout the year. The only flow will be sewage water, 50,000 gallons a day and stormwater runoff from Waterview Estates diversion ditches and Paradise Vallley subdivision. The effluent will seep into the ground beneath Mill Bayou and migrate through ground water into the Maumelle Water Corporation aquifer and drinking water wells, effecting 1,100 customers. When it is dry pools of water can stagnate creating toxic algal blooms.

ADEQ has been asked by the Maumelle Water Corporation numerous times to do an impact study on our aquifer, it still has not be completed and Maumelle Water Corporation is still waiting for a reply from ADEQ.

This developer has had numerous violations on his current sewage treatment facility, how can we expect a "Bad Actor" to improve his maintenance on another one, and more planned for the future.

ADEQ's Mission statement reads:

“The mission of ADEQ is “[t]o protect, enhance and restore the natural environment for the well-being of all Arkansans”. ADEQ has a two-part vision of the future: “[w]e envision Arkansas with clean air, water and land, where all Arkansans strive to conserve and strive to protect these assets for the benefit and enjoyment of this and future generations” and “[w]e envision the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality as a respected steward of the environment, when pro-active, results-oriented staff, operating in a professional atmosphere, inspire Arkansans to conserve and protect our natural resources.”

There has been three public comment periods and one public hearing, considerable evidence submitted by experts and the community, explaining the health hazards that this sewage treatment facility will have on our drinking water and environment.

We as Arkansans are trying to do what ADEQ states in your mission statement, striving to conserve and striving to protect these assets for the benefit and enjoyment of today’s and future generations.

For these reasons and many more please deny this permit and grant us a Public hearing.

Sincerely,

Christina Centofante
PMCC President