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**From:** Amy Jenkins <amyjojenkins@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 3:45 PM  
**To:** Water Draft Permit Comment  
**Cc:** pmccarkansas@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Discharge Permit Number AR0053210, AFIN 60-05010

Dear Mr. Faizan Khan:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Paradise Valley sewage treatment facility on Roland Cutoff Road. I respectfully ask that the ADEQ deny the permit and hold a public hearing. The land-owner and developer has already caused appalling environmental destruction to the area and this treatment plant is equally as irresponsible and inappropriate in regards to Mill Bayou. The treated sewage will not empty into a flowing stream, but rather a stagnant and boggy wetlands, which are located in and around homes and livestock including horses, pigs and cows. Mill Bayou floods terribly and will send the treated sewage into spaces it was not intended to be, coming into contact with people and animals. This urban development in a rural area with its proposed 450+ homes will likely poison Mill Bayou with its treated sewage.

Please consider that this same developer has already amassed a stack of ADEQ violations with his current sewage treatment facility serving Waterview Estates, a failed subdivision that resulted in the destruction of countless acres of vegetation and wildlife in the Roland community. I think the developer rightfully deserves the title of "Bad Actor". These poisonous waters (again considering "Bad Actor" status) will empty into and potentially contaminate the Arkansas River and everything downstream. In addition, Mill Bayou will receive thousands of gallons of storm water runoff from the new Paradise Valley and existing Waterview Estates developments. The addition of the Paradise Valley facility would more than double the amount of treated sewage and chemicals going into Mill Bayou and into the Arkansas River. These facts are contrary to ADEQ's charge as the state's main environmental protection agency, tasked with protecting, enhancing, and restoring the environment for Arkansans. Environmental devastation should not be considered nor tolerated.

I urge you to take into account this "Bad Actor's" history and how he has been operating the Waterview Estates sewage treatment facility. He has been consistently cited for noncompliance violations with the ADEQ. Visitors and local residents, including me and my husband, frequent the area for bicycling activities (such as the Big Dam Bridge 100 routed along Roland Cutoff Road and regular training rides) and our trail systems. Pets, domestic livestock and wildlife come in contact with Mill Bayou continually, and especially during flooding events, which happen frequently. Mill Bayou is used for recreation, hunting, and fishing, as well as a water source for wildlife and domestic livestock. Based on my concerns and understanding the threat of Paradise Valley's sewage treatment facility pouring treated sewage and chemicals into Mill Bayou, I respectfully request that you deny the permit and hold a public hearing.

A rural community like ours should continue to be individual homes with independent septic systems to help protect the residents living here, the ecology, and the environment. In the best interest of everyone living in this community, those moving to this area and those who come to enjoy the abundant recreational activities, please safeguard the existing environment. Keep this rural countryside in a natural state for us and future generations. Please do not knowingly add unnecessary chemicals and bacteria to poison our waterways. Thank you for your efforts to keep Arkansas and its waterways clean and safe for all.

Sincerely,

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