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Subject: RE: Discharge Permit Number AR0053210, AFIN 60-05010

Faizan Khan
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RE: Discharge Permit Number AR0053210, AFIN 60-05010
Paradise Valley sewage treatment facility on Roland Cutoff Road, Roland, AR

Dear Mr. Khan:

It has come to my attention that a new housing tract has been proposed to be located on Roland Cutoff Road in Pulaski County. As a long time resident of Roland, I'm familiar with the area and lay of the land in many directions where Mill Bayou flows. The plan for treated sewage, if this permit were to be approved, would be detrimental to meandering waterways, residential properties, and surrounding undeveloped areas of wildlife habitat. Beginning with Phase I, I strongly urge you to

- Please DENY the permit noted above.
- Please have a public hearing on the issues.

It is my understanding that the proposed Paradise Valley development would be built in phases requiring more extensive sewer outflow over time. This would be devastating for the Roland community and other Pinnacle Mountain area communities too. Please do not approve the permit, instead let our concerns be heard in a public forum addressing negative impacts such as

- Mill Bayou is a slow-moving network of small creeks meandering through private residential properties throughout a wide area surrounding the proposed outflow site.
- The waters of Mill Bayou often sit stagnantly on the hard clay ground common to this area.
- Due to the clay soils flooding after rain is a normal occurrence. The water goes where water can, without regard to an intended plan, or the convenience of people.
- The uncontrolled water challenges we already have in this area would be exacerbated by the development, and drainage of home lots of this density, and location.

I am not against all development. It's possible that single family homesites on expansive acreage with self-contained sewage treatment systems would have an acceptable impact on the health, welfare, and quality of life in the unincorporated Pinnacle Mountain area communities. Mill Bayou is important to local ecosystems, and the proposed Paradise Valley development is not in keeping with the rural community infrastructure of Roland, Arkansas.

Please deny this permit and hold a public hearing to protect Mill Bayou, and surrounding basins. This area, just beyond the state park, is favored for hiking, biking, photography, fresh air, and clean water. Please help us preserve the beauty and function of this Natural State region.

Thoughtfully,

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