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To: Water Draft Permit Comment
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Subject: RE: Discharge Permit Number AR0053210, AFIN 60-05010

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I live on Hunting Valley Road in Roland, Arkansas and am a resident of the area that would be directly and adversely affected by the proposed waste water treatment facility and adversely affected by declining the water quality in Mill Bayou. I respectfully ask that the ADEQ deny the current application hold a public hearing on the issuance of the permit for the proposed waste treatment plant to be located on Roland Cutoff Road and to discharge effluent into Mill Bayou. My reasons for asking ADEQ to deny the current application are as follows:

1. The proposed discharge location is not suitable for this use since it is not a “flowing” river that can carry away contaminated effluent. Mill Bayou is a water-holding area where the water often stagnates into a boggy or swampy area.
2. Because there is no suitable “river” in which to off-load the development’s waste, waste disposal for a new development should be handled by each lot, on-site, using modern septic tanks or tertiary treatment equipment. Lot size should be required to accommodate on-site disposal.
3. The proposed development represents the urbanization of a heretofore rural and pastoral area of the County, and is unsuitable for such large scale cookie-cutter developments such has been proposed.
4. The proposed Mill Bayou discharge location often floods in heavy rainfall, and such flooding would certainly expose residents’ nearby properties to contaminated floodwaters if a sewerage treatment plant were allowed to use this swamp as a discharge.
5. This developer, based on our experience with his waste treatment facility for Waterview Estates, has repeatedly violated ADEQ regulations with the WaterView plant. This flies in the face of the purpose of ADEQ, to maintain water and environmental quality.
6. In view of his past poor compliance with the regulations that are supposed to protect other residents from hazardous water conditions, this developer, should the ADEQ ultimately approve the proposed plan for wastewater disposal, must be required to place on deposit a cash-bond in an amount adequate to compensate local residents for any damages to the environment he may cause. Once the development is there, the developer must remain on the hook, not dischargeable by bankruptcy, for any future damages.

For these reasons I ask that you deny the current application pending the results of a public hearing.

Sincerely,



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