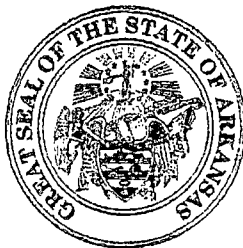


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**RE: Discharge Permit Number AR0053210, AFIN 60-05010  
Paradise Valley Wastewater Treatment on Roland Cutoff – Roland, Arkansas**

Dear Mr. Khan:

I am writing regarding the above-described proposed permit. It has been brought to my attention that the same developer already has a wastewater treatment plan discharging into Mill Bayou, which is also the discharge site for this proposed plant.

These "package plants" only function properly to protect the environment when they are properly and constantly maintained. This developer, sadly, has a history of citations from ADEQ involving an existing plant, specifically the Waterview Treatment Plant.


For several years, I have also been concerned about efforts to create high-density housing developments in western Pulaski County. This is not only detrimental to the orderly development of this area, but creates immediate strains on the infrastructure – including roads, bridges, streams, and other assets. This proposal, which basically would go way to the west to create a high-density outpost, is a threat to the rural quality of life for this area.

I do not oppose responsible development in this area. However, this proposal presents a threat to the environment, especially Mill Bayou, as well as to the quality of life of the communities of Roland, Little Italy, Wye, and other parts of western Pulaski, and possibly Perry, counties.

I urge you to deny this discharge permit.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Mark Johnson  
State Senator – District 15

cc: Secretary Becky Keogh



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