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Please add the attached to the comments.

Thank you.....Barbie Henley

#### TO: Arkansas Division of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)

#### PETITIONERS STATE:

We the undersigned hereby petition the Arkansas Division of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) to deny approval of Discharge Permit Number: AR0053210 AFIN: 60-05010 being considered for the development known as "Paradise Valley" on Roland Cutoff Road in northwest Pulaski County Arkansas. The <u>Paradise Valley</u> <u>Development</u> is a large-scale urban tract home "leap-frog" development in a rural area currently platted for 76 homes and is part of a multi-Phase development project to exceed the entire population of Roland with over 400 homes requiring **two or more treatment plants** to support it as it reaches full build-out which will discharge treated waste into an unnamed tributary (a first-order-smallest-of-the-world's streams) thence to Mill Bayou thence to the Arkansas River.

The main reasons we oppose the sewage facility are as follows:

- The permit does not responsibly address a limit on Phosphorus (P) which is a nutrient contained in
  effluent that could cause overgrowths of algae in the water. Mill Bayou is stagnant and without placing
  a limit on Phosphorus, this is a perfect storm and invitation for harmful algae blooms to form causing
  documented death to humans and wildlife according to the EPA. The community's health is at stake
  and the ADEQ must protect it at all costs. Health and wellness should always be the priority.
- There is a significant archeological site that must be protected from stormwater flooding as the development reaches full build-out and the ADEQ must be sensitive to the optics of allowing sewage to dump onto it. The community stands strong for protections of this site and insists that it not be destroyed nor desecrated. The ADEQ must ensure the cultural site is protected from erosion and desecration.
- The natural wetlands near the proposed site of the sewage facility is not suited for wastewater treatment and will destroy aquatic species and be an environmental disaster. The ADEQ has a responsibility to "The Natural State" to ensure their policies don't become permits to pollute.
- The unnamed tributary, a first order stream and the smallest of the world's streams, has no flow to low
  flow and will receive both point-source and non-point source pollutants as it makes its way to the
  wetlands thence to Mill Bayou and thence to the Arkansas River. The ADEQ must uphold standards in
  stream uses and realize the unnamed tributary (ditch) is wholly inadequate as a receiving stream.

- Metals, hormones, and prescription drugs will not be treated by this Paradise Valley sewage facility and will pass through to the environment only to be absorbed by others including humans and wildlife who come into contact with Mill Bayou and use Mill Bayou for recreation. The ADEQ must weigh these facts regarding health hazards and see how they square with policy.
- Maumelle Water Corporation (MWC) has expressed concern that their aquifer could be negatively
  impacted by the treated sewage and has requested the ADEQ perform an impact study before
  approving this permit. This is a responsibility the ADEQ must address before issuing this permit or risk
  the health of MWC customers. We must never take our clean water for granted just because we've
  always had it in the Natural State. The Paradise Valley sewage facility is a threat to this order and will
  quickly become a costly disorder unless steps are taken by ADEQ.
- The developer of Paradise Valley has proven by inaction the disregard for stormwater regulation. (For example, by failing to create a properly sized retention basin as cited by ADEQ and the filling of streams as cited by the US Army Corps of Engineers.) ADEQ must take into account the history of a "bad actor" when issuing NPDES permits and deny these until the "bad actor" shows a history of respect for the ADEQ process and the law.
- The ADEQ should require individual NPDES stormwater permits for Waterview and Paradise Valley. EPA recommends permits for point-source discharge. Point-source discharge is not being controlled with Waterview and Paradise Valley. *The community of Roland is drowning in the developer's stormwater and the ADEQ should follow EPA recommendations. It's time to respond to their SOS.*
- Paradise Valley and Waterview Estates are creating property rights issues for the community of Roland who must receive the millions of gallons of stormwater from said developments causing expensive repairs. The stormwater issues are evidenced by ADEQ's own letter to the developer in an attempt to control it. The community also has property rights that must not be infringed and the ADEQ and other government agencies must apply their processes to protect these stakeholders as well.

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