BEFORE THE ARKANSAS COMMISSION ON POLLUTION CONTROL & ECOLOGY

IN RE:		
REQUEST BY GREAT LAKES)	
CHEMICAL CORPORATION -)	DOCKET NO. 06-008-R
CENTRAL FACILITY TO)	
INIATE RULEMAKING TO)	
AMEND REGULATION NO. 2)	

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY'S STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE AND RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY

Pursuant to Minute Order 06-37, the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ") submits the following Statement of Basis and Purpose and Responsiveness Summary regarding the above captioned Third-Party Petition to Initiate Rulemaking to Amend Regulation No. 2. In its petition, Great Lakes Chemical Corporation ("GLCC") requests modifications to the chloride, sulfate, and total dissolved minerals (TDS) criteria for certain waterbodies listed in Regulation No. 2, Arkansas Water Quality Standards. GLCC also requests the removal of the designated, but not existing domestic water supply use for (a) an unnamed tributary to Bayou de Loutre; (b) a second unnamed tributary to Bayou de Loutre; (c) a portion of Bayou de Loutre; (d) an unnamed tributary to unnamed tributary of Little Cornie Bayou; and (e) an unnamed tributary to Little Cornie Bayou.

Statement of Basis and Purpose

ADEQ does not oppose the proposed changes to Regulation No. 2 that are requested in GLCC's petition.

Responsiveness Summary

On November 13, 2006, a public hearing was held in El Dorado, Arkansas to receive public comments on the proposed rule changes. Two oral comments were received at the public hearing, with one of the two also submitting written comments. The public comment period ended November 29, 2006. No other comments were received within the public comment period.

Comment: One commenter was opposed to the changes because he opposed the lack of enforcement of water quality standards.

Response: ADEQ acknowledges this comment.

Comment: One commenter, representing Save the Ouachita, Inc., supported the proposed changes but reiterated his organization's opposition to the proposed El Dorado pipeline.

Response: ADEQ acknowledges this comment.

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