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John Simpson, Chair
Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission
101 E. Capitol Ave., Suite 205
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: Amendments to Regulation 6

Dear Mr. Simpson,

Lake Maumelle serves as the main source of drinking water for the City of Little Rock and its quality must be protected by the regulations of the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission. At the upcoming meeting on February 26, the APC&E will consider an amendment to Regulation 6 that would provide the necessary protection for this water source. This amendment would prohibit all surface discharges of wastewater in the Lake Maumelle Basin, except discharges permitted under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System stormwater discharge program.

In 2007, an expert watershed management consulting firm performed a scientific study of the Lake Maumelle Watershed and determined surface discharge of wastewater is the greatest to the lake and, if not prohibited, would make water quality targets impossible to achieve. Direct surface discharges of wastewater would present public health risks through an increased risk of disease-causing organisms and toxic substances entering the water supply.

Based on these concerns, which are supported by a scientific study, I urge you to pass this amendment and protect Lake Maumelle for the citizens of Little Rock.

Sincerely,

Mark Stodola
Mayor

CC: APC&E Commissioners