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I am against nutrient trading. It appears to be shuffling statistics instead of meeting the public's health needs for clean water head-on. In the 70's I could still drink out of streams in the Ozarks. Our environment is quickly degrading. I and other rural people drink and cook with well water. Is that water going to become unsafe in coming years? It's a choice our government must make. We all share water, just like we share air and roads and laws and government.

I was in Rome, Paris and London recently. Unlike many other people, I do not drink bottled water. Thus, I taste the water wherever I go. The water in those cities was delicious.

Fayetteville's water tastes the worst of any city I've ever visited in my entire life. It smells and tastes like old algae.

Flying in to Fayetteville from the air, as compared to other cities such as Springfield, MO. one sees chicken houses surrounding the entire countryside. When driving county roads in our part of the state, grass along our rural roads is brown from chemicals sprayed to lessen summer mowing. Around here chemicals are sprayed in power line areas to stop tree growth under the lines. Using common sense, I will state that chemicals must be slowly increasing in our creeks, rivers, lakes, and public waters.

Often water pollution concerns focus only on fecal matter, and don't even get around to testing for chemicals. Water monitoring needs to be much more proactive.

So far it seems that our water zoning laws via ADEQ are sadly behind the times, being reactive instead of proactive. It's hard to fix 'broken water' after it's already been polluted.

ADEQ needs to step up its game, not just collect paychecks and react only after massive public outcry. Our leaders and government must set a goal of clean healthy water and clean healthy lives for all. We all share water like we share government. It would be good to take the time, spend the money, and all of us share the costs of 'taking care of business' while it is still relatively cheap to do so.

Thank you for your time.

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