

June 28, 2014

Mr. Doug Szenher
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
Public Outreach and Assistance Division
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, AR 72118

Dear Mr. Szenher:

I was raised on a farm and have farmed all of my life. Therefore, I am very concerned about the issues now before the ADEQ.

I feel that landowners should have options on how they use their land and I feel farming is a viable option in rural Arkansas. I am against the decision to have a third-party rule-making proposal adopted and even considered a permanent adoption. We have the ADEQ and PC&E Commission in place to make these decisions. We should not have any third-party group taking the place of these commissions.

I am in favor of leaving Regulations 5 and 6 as they are. While the current topic is regarding the Buffalo River watershed, I am concerned that if these restrictions are adopted future groups will want to regulate farms in other watershed areas.

I am very much in favor of letting the University of Arkansas research team continue their studies. Please let the research take its course and generate the science and data needed to make the right decisions concerning moratoriums and expanded restrictions.

I appreciate your time in letting me explain my feelings on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Herman M. Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "H" and "J".

Herman M. Jones
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