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Subject: Public Comment re Proposed Changes to Regulation 6

I am writing to express my concerns regarding proposed changes to Regulation 6 as it relates to streams, creeks and/or tributaries that are not considered a domestic water supply, specifically the Dry Fork Creek which flows into the King's River and, therefore, is part of the King's River Watershed.

The Dry Fork flows year around through karst terrain; steep bluffs, caves and waterfalls line its banks. Since karst is the predominant geologic feature in this area, residents' wells are inextricably linked to the Dry Fork Creek. In my neck of the woods, southwestern Carroll County, the Dry Fork Creek is the source of recreation and irrigation for residents and several organic market gardens/farms.

Proposed changes to Regulation 6 allow for the reduction of water quality standards in Arkansas waterways and fail to consider that many of these waterways, such as the Dry Fork Creek, are in karst terrain and, inevitably and most likely, are a valued resource for residents.

Additionally and specifically, the Dry Fork and its environs are home to a myriad of unique and rare flora and fauna. Baseline water sample results indicate the Dry Fork Creek is of exceptional quality. While the Dry Fork Creek is not designated as a domestic water supply or listed in the Arkansas Water Plan as a planned or potential domestic water supply, lower water standards could have irreversible and deleterious effects, not only in the Dry Fork, but within the King's River Watershed-an Extra ordinary Resource Waterway.

For the reasons stated above, please note that I am opposed to the proposed changes to Regulation 6 as it relates to streams, stream segments, creeks, and/or tributaries.

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