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Regulation 6 is under the Clean Water Act and permits issued under this regulation directly impact Arkansas's streams and rivers by allowing industries and municipalities to discharge "wastewater" into our state's waterways. The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) revisions to this regulation need to include citations that will improve how the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) will increase protection to surface water bodies throughout Arkansas. The draft revisions in Regulation 6 made by ADEQ do not include any substantive revisions that would increase protection of Arkansas's streams and rivers in order to enhance the quality of surface waters in our state. ADEQ failed miserably in the recent Isaac Walton League of America's (IWLA) national survey. ADEQ received an overall grade of D+ from the IWLA. ADEQ received the grades of F in Site Specific Information, a C in Age of Data and a F in Volunteer Engagement. ADEQ may not recognize the IWLA national survey, but many Americans across our country and citizens of Arkansas consider the IWLA to be significant. ADEQ it is time to improve your grades and truly protect the waters of our beautiful state.

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