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Secretary Becky Keogh
Department of Energy and Environment
5301 Northshore Drive
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Dear Secretary Keogh:

Audubon Arkansas joins our water conservation colleagues in asking that you grant a 60-day extension for public comment and review on three critical water quality policies and regulations. Currently the deadline for submitting public comments on the Anti-Degradation Implementation Methods (AIM) and Continuing Planning Process (CPP) documents expire on August 26, 2020. The deadline for the triennial review of Regulation 2 is September 8, 2020. Please give Audubon, our partners, and the public until at least October 27 to review these lengthy documents.

Preferably, Audubon Arkansas requests that you incorporate the changes offered during this summer's stakeholder meetings, then release that version for a 60-day public comment period.

Audubon appreciates your division's cooperation on many projects over the years. We'd appreciate your full consideration and quick response this request. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Director of Conservation