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Director Keogh:

In regard to the 303(d) list, the National Park Service has found through scientific monitoring that three tributaries of the Buffalo National River are impaired. NPS reported this to you by letter on October 6th, 2015. It has been nearly six months and ADEQ has not responded. ADEQ has published a 303(d) list of Arkansas impaired waters and declined to include these tributaries on the list. ADEQ personnel when questioned at the 303(d) meeting indicate that this is stalled at your office. As an Arkansas Taxpayer I am concerned that our tourism industry is at risk by your inaction. Please respond in regard to your specific plans to clean up Big Creek, Mill Creek, and Bear Creek. Every day that goes by places the Buffalo National River and the 56 million dollars in tourism benefits at further risk.

Sincerely,

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