

February 21, 2016

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality  
Water Division 5301 North Shore Drive  
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Dear Jim Wise and Director Keogh,

The National Park Service has requested 3 tributaries of the Buffalo River be placed on the "Impaired Waterbodies" list (Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act.)

Yet, the ADEQ, who is charged with protecting, enhancing and restoring the environment for Arkansans, declined to do so despite the NPS and U.S. Geological Survey's abundance of data.

I request the 3 streams be placed on the 2016 impaired list. I request that the submitted data be investigated.

IF ADEQ does not choose to do the above, we certainly request a clear public explanation. Please let us know why we would choose not to use the data to protect one of Arkansas's finest natural and economic resources.

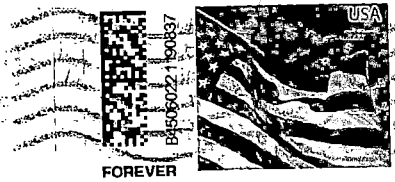
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