



ARKANSAS
Department of Environmental Quality

May 26, 2015

RE: Request for Information

To Whom It May Concern:

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is preparing the biennial Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report. In accordance with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act under Section 303(d) and implementing regulations in 40 CFR Part 130.7, ADEQ is actively soliciting any existing and readily available data concerning water quality of the State of Arkansas. Should you have qualifying data concerning any waters of the State, please send this information or provide information on how to obtain the data.

All data submitted to ADEQ will be considered; however, the data must:

- represent actual annual ambient conditions;
- be outside of the effluent mixing zone;
- have been collected and analyzed under a quality-assurance/quality-control protocol equivalent to or more stringent than that of ADEQ or the USGS;
- be accompanied by a copy of the protocol;
- have been analyzed pursuant to the rules outlined in the State Environmental Laboratory Certification Program Act (Act 876 of 1985 as amended);
- have been analyzed in a State certified laboratory (a list of State certified labs is located at <http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/techsvs/labcert.asp>). The name of the laboratory must accompany the data.
- be reported in standard units recommended in the relevant approved method;
- be accompanied by precise sample site location(s) data, preferably latitude and longitude in either decimal degrees or degrees, minutes, seconds;
- be received in an excel spreadsheet or compatible format; and
- have been collected within the period of record.

The period of record for the 2015 305(b) Report is as follows:

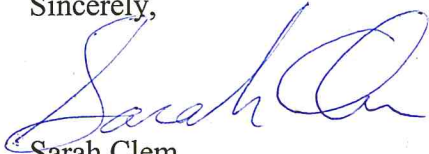
- **Metals and ammonia toxicity analysis - April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2015**
- **All other analyses - April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2015**

All data will undergo additional evaluation to determine usability. These factors can be found in Arkansas' Assessment Methodology. Your entity may only collect effluent samples and not samples outside the mixing zone that would characterize the receiving water. You may choose to submit these data clearly marked as effluent samples.

Data developed prior to the period of record can be used for long-term trend analysis; these data should have been evaluated as part of a previous assessment. Data developed after the period of record will be considered during the next assessment period.

Any assistance provided is appreciated. Please submit data prior to 4:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, 2015 in an excel spreadsheet or compatible format via postal mail to Water Division, Selena Medrano at 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118-5317 or electronic mail to medrano@adeq.state.ar.us. If you have any questions, please contact Selena Medrano at 501-682-0662, or at the above email.

Sincerely,



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