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Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality  
5301 Northshore Drive  
North Little Rock, AR 72118

Re: Proposed 2018 Impaired Waterbody List

Director Keogh,

I submit these comments with regard to placing segments of Big Creek and segments of the Buffalo River in Category 4b. (AR 1101003 022, AR 1101003 020) and segments of Buffalo River (AR 11010005 011, AR 11010005 010) in Category 4b.

I am President of Citizens for Clean Water , located in Baxter County. The Buffalo River is an important resource for Arkansas and must be protected. The source or sources of the contamination in the Buffalo River must be determined and addressed.

- Findings document rapid growth of algal masses in the lower half of the Buffalo National River and Big Creek
- Reports state floating and fishing in the rivers is restrictive due to the heavily affected waters
- Fishing guides have reported fewer fish
- Arkansas Health Department has issued written warnings to the general public about exposure of pets and humans to pathogens found in the Buffalo river waters.

**My request/recommendation:**

I ask ADEQ to act quickly and take decisive enforceable action to determine what sources are impairing the Buffalo River and Big Creek.

I ask ADEQ to designate these stream segments as Category 5 impairment. I understand that status will allow tracking and enforcement of pollution limits (through a TMDL)

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

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