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**Sent:** Monday, September 10, 2018 3:11 PM  
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Dear Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality,

As a concerned citizen who cares about the water quality of Fourche Creek and all of Arkansas' streams, rivers, and lakes, I am writing to express my concern about the way ADEQ has structured the 2018 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies. I know from direct personal communications that ADEQ has in the past viewed adding waterbodies to the 303(d) list or boosting their priority as a bad thing or an indication of a failure on their part, when in reality at this point it would largely be a reflection of better, and much needed, monitoring and data collection. Like previous versions of the list, the 2018 one is flawed. ADEQ needs to follow federal regulations, stop avoiding categories just because they require development of TMDLs, and update their 2018 list to reflect the available data.

I agree with the points made in comments by the Arkansas Public Policy Panel and by Audubon Arkansas and the Friends of Fourche Creek. Having an accurate and honest assessment of water quality in our state is a critical early step to improving water quality around the Natural State and protecting public health and recreational resources.

Sincerely,

Dr. John Chamberlin

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