



December 13, 2022

Dear Ms. Loretta Carstens P.E.,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Arkansas Audubon Society, a statewide organization committed to fostering a greater knowledge of the natural history of Arkansas and promoting conservation of natural resources in Arkansas. **We strongly urge you to deny the permit being considered for the Paradise Valley sewage facility.** We are concerned about the pollution of the Mill Bayou Watershed that could result should such a facility be developed. The potential pollution could bring harm to animals and humans alike.

There are a variety of points that we feel raise the alarm on this facility. First, it seems that there has been a lack of adequate environmental impact assessment performed, and this issue is especially egregious because of the potential impact a facility such as this could have on the drinking water provided to community members by the Maumelle Water Corporation. Second, the pristine water quality found in the Mill Bayou basin is well documented and should not be jeopardized. Finally, given the questionable record of the Paradise Valley developer, we are concerned about whether they would follow the regulations put forth to ensure safe development and operation of such a facility.

Thus, we strongly urge ADEQ to deny this permit and we advise a public hearing to be held.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. R. McClung".

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