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Bailey Taylor, Director
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Re: Transmittal of Arkansas’s 2020 Section 303(d) List

Dear Ms. Taylor:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its review of public comments received on its September 28, 2023, action partially approving and partially disapproving the State of Arkansas’s 2020 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Water Quality Limited Segments (WQLSs) still requiring Total Maximum Daily Loads. After considering the public comments received, the EPA is affirming its September 28, 2023, action adding 7 additional waterbody/parameter pairs to the State of Arkansas’s Section 303(d) list and forwarding the final list to the state to incorporate into its current water quality management plan.

Comments received during the public comment period and the EPA’s responses to comments can be found in Enclosure 2 titled *EPA Additions to the Arkansas 2020 Impaired Waters List – Response to Public Comments* and Enclosure 3 titled *Comments Received by The U.S. EPA On EPA’s Additions to Arkansas’s 2020 Impaired Waters List*. A complete list of waters added to the 2020 303(d) list can be found in Table 1 below. The complete Arkansas 2020 303(d) list is found in Enclosure 1. The final list will also be available via the EPA’s ATTAINS database and can be accessed by the public on the EPA website How’s My Waterway found at <https://mywaterway.epa.gov/>.

Table 1. Waters Added to the 303(d) List.

Name	Assessment Unit ID
Illinois River	AR_11110103_020
	AR_11110103_024
Osage Creek	AR_11110103_730
	AR_11110103_830
	AR_11110103_030
	AR_11110103_930
Spring Creek	AR_11110103_931

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We appreciate the conversations that we have had on the listing methodologies associated with these waters and we look forward to working with you on future listing actions. If you would like to further discuss the EPA's action on Arkansas's 2020 303(d) list, please contact me at 214-665-6647 or via email at hill.troy@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

(for) Troy C. Hill, P.E.
Director
Water Division

Enclosures

1. Final Arkansas 2020 303(d) List
2. EPA Additions to the Arkansas 2020 Impaired Waters List – Response to Public Comments
3. Comments Received by The U.S. EPA On the EPA's Additions to Arkansas's 2020 Impaired Waters List
4. Exhibits from Arkansas Division of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) (Comment #2)
5. Data attachment from Arkansas Division of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) for Spring Creek (Comment #2)
6. Attachment to Cara Cowan Watts (Comment #21)
7. Final Report to Governors from the Joint Study Committee and Scientific Professionals
8. Second Statement of Joint Principles and Actions