Dear ADEQ and Ark. Pollution Control & Ecology Commission,

As a lifelong Arkansan and the grandmother of two children who enjoy the natural outdoor beauty of our state, I am opposed to the proposed Nutrient Water Quality Trading Program.

As proposed, the program is insufficient to adequately protect our water - one of the greatest natural resources in Arkansas, given to us by the Creator God for us to preserve and protect. We have a moral obligation to preserve fragile ecosystems that sustain life, and we are called to be faithful to that stewardship responsibility.

It looks to me like the proposal lacks sufficient enforcement provisions, a clearly defined process, defined penalties for failures to meet standards, a process for revoking a nutrient trading project upon failure, an independent monitor, or an acceptable scientific baseline.

The proposal needs improvements to protect our water now and in the future for our children and grandchildren. Lack of sufficient care can lead to disaster.

Thank you for your service.

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Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are. (Benjamin Franklin)