This addresses the comments asked for about improving notification requirements for Regulation 6. There is a need to open the process of notifications to a wider interested public, and of high importance is the process of getting the involvement of the Buffalo National River and the Arkansas Department of Health. CAFO’s in the Buffalo National River watershed has long term consequences in terms of economics, particularly tourism which is so important in this region, and also the health of residents.

In addition to the proposals below, the city of Tulsa has made comments about their concerns for the drinking water drainage area of a city or town with a public water supply. Since waste storage ponds or lagoons and spreading manure and slurry on lands in a region above a water table or in a watershed drainage used for drinking water often pollute the water with excess nitrates, phosphorus and e-coli, community water departments need to be prepared to watch for evidence that can cause illnesses that could possibly prevent countless cases of diarrhea, blue baby syndrome (from nitrates in the drinking water of pregnant women), and inconvenient "boil orders" that rural Arkansas residents are often notified now on a regular basis when e-coli is found in the water we drink.

In addition I agree with the following proposal:

-All public notice requirements specified in section 6.207 shall be issued no more than 30 days prior to submission of the Notice of Intent.

Thank you for inviting comments.

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