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Subject: AWAAG Stakeholders Comments from Smith Lake Environmental Preservation Committee

Dear Mr. Le Fleur
Director ADEM

RE: Comments on "*Water Management Issues in Alabama*"

Please accept these comments from SLEPC about the Water Management Issues in Alabama. I can support the monitoring and allocating a plan that encompasses the volume of water in the state. One of the more important issues that should be addressed and in the fore-front of the plan should be water quality [Clean Water Act].

Recently SLEPC, Smith Lake Civic Association, and Winston County Advocacy met with the state Health Department Director about septic tanks and private sewer systems and we were shocked to learn that E coli test were not used by the Health Department and the State Health Department Director was not included in the AWAAG group.

You can have all the water in the world, but if you do not put water quality into your criteria of the plan, it will take drinking water uses, recreational uses, fish and wildlife uses, etc. out of the plan. The plan will only will be concerned with volume of water in the plan for industrial and commercial uses.

Also, the plan should address conservation of water and we should have a program(s) to promote Zero discharges in our streams, rivers, and lakes. Commercial, Industrial, and Waste Water Sewer System zero discharge of water should be addressed to reuse on site water.

Smith Lake should be address individually in the plan in that the all the watershed of Smith Lake is within the State of Alabama. Water quality is the most important issue on Smith Lake.

Thank you in advance of addressing our issues.

Sincerely,
Eddie Hand
President
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