

FAYETTEVILLE

THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

November 25, 2002

The Honorable Mike Huckabee
Governor, State of Arkansas
State Capitol, Suite 250
Little Rock, AR 72201

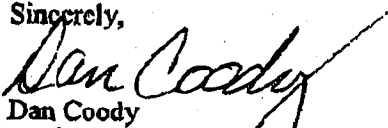
The Honorable Frank Keating
Governor, State of Oklahoma
State Capitol Bldg., Room 212
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

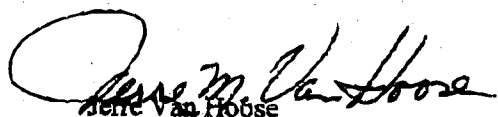
Dear Sirs,


The cities of Northwest Arkansas understand the importance of clean water for our citizens and businesses. In the ongoing debate between Oklahoma and Arkansas, it is our hope that we are recognized as doing our part to resolve the problem of phosphorus in the Illinois River watershed.

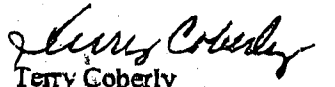
We have embraced the limit of 1 ppm of phosphorus in our effluent. Some cities are currently meeting that limit while others are designing plant improvements to meet that design standard. We are putting our money where our mouths are. Fayetteville as \$125 million in improvements in the works and other cities are making plans to meet the 1 ppm limit. We believe reducing our phosphorus to this extent will result in noticeable improvement to Illinois River water quality.

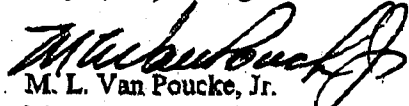
We, the undersigned, hope this letter reflects our willingness to work toward both an improved water quality in the Illinois River and a strong partnership between ourselves and the Great States of Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Sincerely,

Dan Coody
Mayor, City of Fayetteville


Jerry Van Hoose
Mayor, City of Springdale


Steve Womack
Mayor, City of Rogers


Terry Goberly
Mayor, City of Bentonville


M. L. Van Poucke, Jr.
Mayor, City of Siloam Springs

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