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Good morning, sir,

I'm following up on an observation I mentioned to you last Friday concerning the IRW discussion paper which remains in development.

My HQ program counterparts and I agree there is a point of factual clarification needed with respect to whether any of the IRW waters (Illinois River or tributaries) are "listed" in Arkansas. Notwithstanding a statement included in the "Background" section of the discussion paper, neither the Illinois River nor any of its tributaries are on the current Arkansas Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list of impaired waters (Category 5). Rather, as discussed in EPA's July 19, 2017, record of its decision on the Arkansas Section 303(d) list, there are four (4) assessment units in the watershed (Spring Creek; Muddy Fork of the Illinois; and, two segments of Spring Creek) which EPA considered "appropriate for Arkansas to designate as Category 4b", rather than Category 5. Should there be further discussions at the Agency decision-making levels, I would recommend sharing this point of clarification.

If you have any questions, I would be happy to discuss the similarities and differences between the two categories, and the possible implications thereof.

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