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Washington, D.C. 20460
NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

Section A: National Data System Coding

Transaction Code			NPDES										yr/mo/day				Inspec. Type		Inspector		Fac Type												
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Inspection Work Days						Facility Evaluation Rating						BI		QA		-----Reserved-----																	
67																																	80

Section B: Facility Data

Name and Location of Facility Inspected (For industrial users discharging to POTW, also include POTW name and NPDES permit number) City of Van Buren POTW South Plant 1401 Port Road Van Buren, AR 72956	Entry Time /Date 1400 / 01-24-07		Permit Effective Date 12-01-03	
	Exit Time/Date 1445 / 01-24-07		Permit Expiration Date 11-30-08	
Name(s) of On-Site Representative(s)/Title(s)/Phone and Fax Number(s) N/A			Other Facility Data Coordinates of Overflow: 35°27'25" N 94°21'10" W	
Name, Address of Responsible Official/Title/Phone and Fax Number Gary Smith / Utilities Director / 479-474-5067 / 479-471-8969 P. O. Drawer 1269 Van Buren, AR 72956			Contacted Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection
(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated)

N	Permit	N	Flow Measurement	N	Operations & Maintenance	U	CSO/SSO
N	Records/Reports	N	Self-Monitoring Program	N	Sludge Handling/Disposal	N	Pollution Prevention
N	Facility Site Review	N	Compliance Schedules	N	Pretreatment	N	Multimedia
N	Effluent/Receiving Waters	N	Laboratory	N	Storm Water	N	Other:

Section D: Summary of Findings/Comments (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

In response to a complaint, I performed a sanitary sewer overflow inspection at 609 Cartwright in Van Buren. Upon my arrival, I did not observe the sewage overflow; although there was evidence that the area had been cleaned as a result of an overflow. The overflow had occurred at a pop off valve located at the clean-out outside the residence. It appears that the City installed the valve in December 2006 after an incident where sewage had backed up in the residence. I spoke with the homeowner who stated that she had experienced this problem several times at her home. I contacted Darrel Manus with the City and discussed the incident. He stated that he was unclear as to the source of the problem; it could possibly be tree roots in the main line. I advised him that these types of incidents must be reported as "overflows" per conditions of their permit.

Name(s) and Signature(s) of Inspector(s) Jeff Tyler	Agency/Office/Telephone/Fax ADEQ / Fort Smith / 479-452-4822 / 479-452-4827		Date 01-29-07
Signature of Reviewer	Agency/Office/Phone and Fax Numbers		Date

ADEQ

A R K A N S A S
Department of Environmental Quality

February 6, 2007

Mr. Gary Smith, Utilities Director
City of Van Buren
P.O. Drawer 1269
Van Buren, AR 72956

Re: AFIN: No. 17-00062 NPDES Permit No. AR0021482

Dear Mr. Smith:

On January 24, 2007, I performed a sanitary sewer overflow inspection of the collection system at 609 Cartwright in Van Buren in response to a complaint. This inspection was performed in accordance with the provisions of the federal Clean Water Act, the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder. This inspection revealed the following violation:

There was evidence to confirm that sewage had overflowed from a pop off valve located outside the residence. Clean-up efforts had been performed in the area where the overflow had occurred. The homeowner stated that the City had installed this valve in December of 2006 after an incident where sewage had backed up into her residence. This type of valve produces an "un-permitted discharge". I contacted Darrel Manus and discussed the issue. He stated that he was unclear as to the source of the problem, but that the City would investigate. Your NPDES permit requires that all sanitary sewer overflows must be reported to our Department.

This violation requires your immediate attention. Please submit a written response to this finding to the NPDES Enforcement Section of this Department. Your response should contain documentation describing the course of action taken to correct this item and the City's plan to prevent this occurrence in the future. The corrective action should be completed as soon as possible and the written response is due by February 19, 2007.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 479-452-4822 ext. 11.



Sincerely,




Jeff Tyler
District Field Inspector
Water Division

cc: NPDES Branch

**Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)
Official Photograph Sheet**

Location:	609 Cartwright in Van Buren						
Photographer:	Jeff Tyler			Witness:	N/A		
Photo #	1	Of	4	Date:	01-24-07	Time:	1415
Description:	Location of residence where overflow occurred.						
							
Photographer:	Jeff Tyler			Witness:	N/A		
Photo #	2	Of	4	Date:	01-24-07	Time:	1420
Description:	Area which had been cleaned as a result of the overflow.						
							

**Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)
Official Photograph Sheet**

Location:	609 Cartwright in Van Buren						
Photographer:	Jeff Tyler			Witness:	N/A		
Photo #	3	Of	4	Date:	01-24-07	Time:	1420
Description:	Area where overflow occurred from the pop valve located outside the home.						
							
Photographer:	Jeff Tyler			Witness:	N/A		
Photo #	4	Of	4	Date:	01-24-07	Time:	1421
Description:	Valve which produced the overflow, "sewer popper" is indicated on top of the cap.						
