

December 29, 2009

Jim Shempert, Water Utilities Manager Marion WWTP P.O. Box 814 Marion, AR 72364

**RE**: Waste Water Treatment Plant Inspection

AFIN: 18-00110 NPDES Permit No.: AR0021971

Dear Mr. Shempert:

On October 26 and 27, 2009, I performed a routine compliance sampling inspection of the waste water treatment facility in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act, the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act, and the regulations promulgated thereunder. The analytical results from the sampling inspection revealed no violations of permitted effluent limits. However, the following permit violations were noted at the time of the inspection:

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The above items require your immediate attention. Please submit a written response to these findings to Cindy Garner, Water Division Enforcement Branch Manager, of this Department. This response should be mailed to the address at the bottom of page 1 of this letter. This response should contain documentation describing the course of action taken to correct each item noted. This

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corrective action should be completed as soon as possible, and the written response is due by **January 10, 2010**.

For additional information you may contact the Enforcement Branch by telephone at 501-682-0639 or by fax at 501-682-0910.

If I can be of any assistance, please contact me at walker@adeq.state.ar.us or 870-935-7221 ext.-12.

Sincerely,

Brent L. Walker

District 3 Field Inspector

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Water Division

cc: Water Division Enforcement Branch

Water Division Permits Branch

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SECTION A: PERMIT VERIFICATION	
PERMIT SATISFACTORILY ADDRESSES OBSERVATIONS	□S □M ☑U □NA □NE
DETAILS: Unpermitted discharge from old chlorine contact structure	
1. CORRECT NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF PERMITTEE:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
2. NOTIFICATION GIVEN TO EPA/STATE OF NEW DIFFERENT OR INCREASED DISCHARGES:	□y Øn □na □ne
3. NUMBER AND LOCATION OF DISCHARGE POINTS AS DESCRIBED IN PERMIT:	□y Øn □na □ne
4. ALL DISCHARGES ARE PERMITTED:	□y Øn □na □ne
SECTION B: RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING EVALUATION	
RECORDS AND REPORTS MAINTAINED AS REQUIRED BY PERMIT	□S □M ☑U □NA □NE
DETAILS:	
1. ANALYTICAL RESULTS CONSISTENT WITH DATA REPORTED ON DMRS:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
2. SAMPLING AND ANALYSES DATA ADEQUATE AND INCLUDE: Records incomplete for self monitored parameters	□s □m ☑u □na □ne
a. DATES AND TIME(S) OF SAMPLING:	□y Øn □na □ne
b. EXACT LOCATION(S) OF SAMPLING:	□Y ØN □NA □NE
c. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL PERFORMING SAMPLING:	□y Øn □na □ne
d. ANALYTICAL METHODS AND TECHNIQUES:	□y Øn □na □ne
e. RESULTS OF CALIBRATIONS:	□y Øn □na □ne
f. RESULTS OF ANALYSES:	□y Øn □na □ne
g. DATES AND TIMES OF ANALYSES:	□y Øn □na □ne
h. NAME OF PERSON(S) PERFORMING ANALYSES:	□y ☑n □na □ne
3. LABORATORY EQUIPMENT CALIBRATION AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS ADEQUATE:	□s □m ☑u □na □ne
4. PLANT RECORDS INCLUDE SCHEDULES, DATES OF EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR:	□s □m ☑u □na □ne
5. EFFLUENT LOADINGS CALCULATED USING DAILY EFFLUENT FLOW AND DAILY ANALYTICAL DATA:	Øy □n □na □ne
SECTION C: OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	
TREATMENT FACILITY PROPERLY OPERATED AND MAINTAINED	□S □M ☑U □NA □NE
DETAILS: Multiple aerators out of service	
1. TREATMENT UNITS PROPERLY OPERATED:	□s □m ☑u □na □ne
2. TREATMENT UNITS PROPERLY MAINTAINED:	□S □M ☑U □NA □NE
3. STANDBY POWER OR OTHER EQUIVALENT PROVIDED:	□s ☑m □u □na □ne
4. ADEQUATE ALARM SYSTEM FOR POWER OR EQUIPMENT FAILURES AVAILABLE:	□s □m □u □na ☑ne
5. ALL NEEDED TREATMENT UNITS IN SERVICE:	□s ☑m □u □na □ne
6. ADEQUATE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED OPERATORS PROVIDED:	□s Øm □u □na □ne
7. SPARE PARTS AND SUPPLIES INVENTORY MAINTAINED:	□S ☑M □U □NA □NE
8. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL AVAILABLE:	□y □n □na ☑ne
9. STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES AND SCHEDULES ESTABLISHED:	Øy □n □na □ne
10. PROCEDURES FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT CONTROL ESTABLISHED:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
11. HAVE BYPASSES/OVERFLOWS OCCURRED AT THE PLANT OR IN THE COLLECTION SYSTEM IN THE LAST YEAR:	Øy □n □na □ne
12. IF SO, HAS THE REGULATORY AGENCY BEEN NOTIFIED: Overflow at time of inspection	□y Øn □na □ne
13. HAS CORRECTIVE ACTION BEEN TAKEN TO PREVENT ADDITIONAL BYPASSES/OVERFLOWS:	□y Øn □na □ne
14. HAVE ANY HYDRAULIC OVERLOADS OCCURRED AT THE TREATMENT PLANT:	□y Øn □na □ne
15. IF SO, DID PERMIT VIOLATIONS OCCUR AS A RESULT:	□y □n ☑na □ne

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SECTION D: SAMPLING	
PERMITTEE SAMPLING MEETS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS	☑S ☐M ☐U ☐NA ☐NE
DETAILS:	
SAMPLES TAKEN AT SITE(S) SPECIFIED IN PERMIT:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
2. LOCATIONS ADEQUATE FOR REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLES:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
3. FLOW PROPORTIONED SAMPLES OBTAINED WHEN REQUIRED BY PERMIT:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
4. SAMPLING AND ANALYSES COMPLETED ON PARAMETERS SPECIFIED IN PERMIT:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
5. SAMPLING AND ANALYSES PERFORMED AT FREQUENCY SPECIFIED IN PERMIT:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
6. SAMPLE COLLECTION PROCEDURES ADEQUATE:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
a. SAMPLES REFRIGERATED DURING COMPOSITING:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
b. PROPER PRESERVATION TECHNIQUES USED:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
c. CONTAINERS AND SAMPLE HOLDING TIMES CONFORM TO 40 CFR 136:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
7. IF MONITORING IS PERFORMED MORE OFTEN THAN REQUIRED ARE RESULTS REPORTED ON THE DMR:	□Y □N ☑NA □NE
SECTION E: FLOW MEASUREMENT	
PERMITTEE FLOW MEASUREMENT MEETS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS	☑S □M □U □NA □NE
DETAILS:	
1. PRIMARY FLOW MEASUREMENT DEVICE PROPERLY INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED: TYPE OF DEVICE: 90° V-Notci	N Weir
2. FLOW MEASURED AT EACH OUTFALL AS REQUIRED:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
3. SECONDARY INSTRUMENTS (TOTALIZERS, RECORDERS, ETC.) PROPERLY OPERATED AND MAINTAINED:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
4. CALIBRATION FREQUENCY ADEQUATE:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
5. RECORDS MAINTAINED OF CALIBRATION PROCEDURES:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
6. CALIBRATION CHECKS DONE TO ASSURE CONTINUED COMPLIANCE:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
7. FLOW ENTERING DEVICE WELL DISTRIBUTED ACROSS THE CHANNEL AND FREE OF TURBULENCE:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
8. FLOW MEASUREMENT EQUIPMENT ADEQUATE TO HANDLE EXPECTED RANGE OF FLOW RATES:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
9. HEAD MEASURED AT PROPER LOCATION:	Øy □n □na □ne
SECTION F: LABORATORY	
PERMITTEE LABORATORY PROCEDURES MEET PERMIT REQUIREMENTS	□S □M ☑U □NA □NE
DETAILS: Inadequate records to determine compliance for self measured parameters	
1. EPA APPROVED ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES USED (40 CFR 136.3 FOR LIQUIDS, 503.8(B) FOR SLUDGES) :	✓Y □N □NA □NE
2. IF ALTERNATIVE ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES ARE USED, PROPER APPROVAL HAS BEEN OBTAINED:	□Y □N ☑NA □NE
3. SATISFACTORY CALIBRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT:	□Y ☑N □NA □NE
4. QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES ADEQUATE:	□Y ☑N □NA □NE
5. DUPLICATE SAMPLES ARE ANALYZED ≥10% OF THE TIME:	□Y ☑N □NA □NE
6. SPIKED SAMPLES ARE ANALYZED ≥10% OF THE TIME:	□Y ØN □NA □NE
7. COMMERCIAL LABORATORY USED:	☑Y □N □NA □NE
a. LAB NAME: ETC	
b. LAB ADDRESS: Memphis, TN	
c. PARAMETERS PERFORMED: Biomonitoring, CBOD, FCB, TSS, NH3-N,	
8. BIOMONITORING PROCEDURES ADEQUATE:	ØY □N □NA □NE
a. PROPER ORGANISMS USED:	ØY □N □NA □NE
b. PROPER DILUTION SERIES FOLLOWED:	Øy □n □na □ne
c. PROPER TEST METHODS AND DURATION:	Øy □n □na □ne
d. RETESTS AND/OR TRE PERFORMED AS REQUIRED:	□Y □N ☑NA □NE

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SECTION	G: EFFLUE	NT/RECEIVING	WATERS	OBSERVATION	ONS						
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DETAILS:											
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2. SLUDGE R	ECORDS MAINTAINE	D AS REQUIRED BY 40 CF	R 503:			□s□	M □U ☑NA □NE				
3. FOR LAND	APPLIED SLUDGE, T	YPE OF LAND APPLIED TO	D: (E.G., FOREST,	AGRICULTURAL, PU	BLIC CONTACT SITE):						
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3. SAMPLES	PRESERVED:						Y ON ONA ONE				
4. FLOW PRO	PORTIONED SAMPLE	S OBTAINED:				₹	ÍY □N □NA □NE				
5. SAMPLE O	BTAINED FROM FACI	LITY'S SAMPLING DEVICE	: ADEQ autosam	oler used			IY ⊠N □NA □NE				
6. SAMPLE R	EPRESENTATIVE OF	VOLUME AND NATURE O	F DISCHARGE:				IY □N □NA □NE				
7. SAMPLE S	PLIT WITH PERMITTE	E:					IY ⊠N □NA □NE				
8. CHAIN-OF-	CUSTODY PROCEDU	RES EMPLOYED:					ĬY □N □NA □NE				
9. SAMPLES	COLLECTED IN ACCO	RDANCE WITH PERMIT:				✓	ÍY □N □NA □NE				
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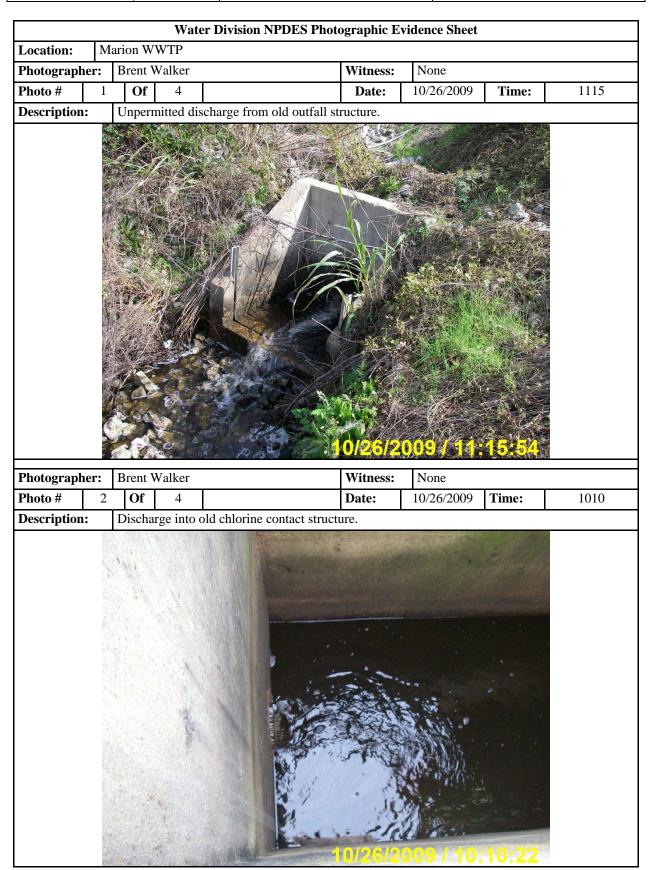
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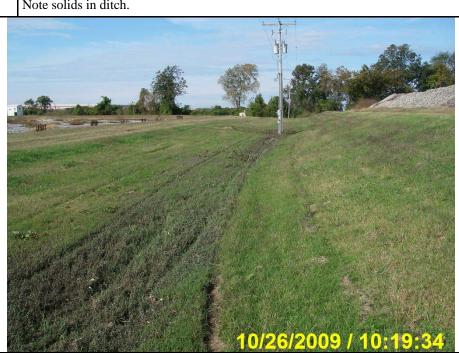
<b>Summary of Sampling Inspection Results</b>									
Parameter	Measured Value	Permit Limit							
CBOD5	10.24 mg/l	15 mg/l							
FCB	135 CFU/100 ml	1000 CFU/100 ml							
TSS	11.5 mg/l	20 mg/l							
NH3-N	2.28 mg/l	5 mg/l							
DO	4.64 mg/l	4.0 mg/l (min.)							
pН	7.19 SU	6.0 – 9.0 SU							



Water Division NPDES Photographic Evidence Sheet											
<b>Location:</b>	ocation: Marion WWTP										
Photographer: Brent Walker Witness: None											
Photo #	Photo #         3         Of         4         Date:         10/26/2009         Time:         1011										
<b>Description:</b> Discharge from old chlorine contact structure.											



Photograph	ier:	Brent V	Walker		Witness:	None		
Photo #	4	Of	4		Date:	10/26/2009	Time:	1019
Description	ı:		ice of rec	ent overflow from old chl	orine contac	et structure to th	e surface of	f the ground.



## Marion Water Department

MAYOR FRANK A. FOGLEMAN

WATER UTILITIES MANAGER
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**JANUARY 6. 2010** 

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5301 NORTHSHORE DRIVE
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RE: Waste Water Treatment Plant Inspection

AFIN: 18-00110

NPDES Permit No.:AR0021971

Dear Ms. Garner: Sea with Mark than a sea tone. Here were a second the second

- 1. On October 26, 2009, Mr. Walker informed me about an unpermitted discharge. The City of Marion was unaware of this discharge. We immediately plugged this outlet (The same day Mr. Walker was there) with a mechanical plug. Also I consulted our engineer on the design of this contact chamber, with no real explanation of this problem. We tightened the valves in this contact chamber area. We have had no additional discharge since Mr. Walker's inspection.
- 2. Effluent Violations:
- A. According to our lab. Environmental Testing & Consulting item #12 of DMR instructions monthly average for NH-3-N does not have to be reported.
- B. Non compliance report submitted for TSS.
- C. Submitted non-compliance report for TSS, NH3-N not a violation.
- D. Non-compliance submitted for TSS.NH3-N not a violation.
- E. NH3-N not a violation.
- 3. At the time of Mr. Walker's inspection we had one aerator with mechanical failure the other one(s) were turned off because of load capacities. I was informed by Mr. Walker that if we have equipment at the facility it must be operational. We will make repairs or remove the aerators.
- 4. On October 26, 2009, Mr. Walker came to my office & did check our records that we send to our lab (ETC). I informed Mr. Walker that our calibration records were with my employee, who was taking a vacation day. The following day October 27 Mr. Walker was back to pick up samples, and talked to my employee and did not ask to see the records. I have instructed my employee to call Mr. Walker and discuss what inadequacies we are experiencing currently. I will get with my employee and we will implement what ever procedures that is necessary to correct this issue. I have contacted our lab on our chain of custody issues and it will be corrected.

5. In the future we will educate ourselves in proper monitoring procedures either with help from Mr. Walker or state offered classes to ensure our permit allowances.

Sincerely,

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