



May 26, 2022

Kevin A. Smith, Mayor City of Helena-West Helena P.O. Box 248 Helena-West Helena, AR 72342 Via email to: mayor@helena-westhelena.us; odonaby@hwhwater.com

RE: West Helena WWTP Inspections (Phillips Co) AFIN: 54-00086 NPDES Permit No.: AR0022021 ARR000613

Dear Mayor Smith:

On March 22, 2022 I performed a Compliance Evaluation Inspection and an Industrial Stormwater (No-Exposure) Inspection of the above-referenced 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. A copy of each of the inspection reports is enclosed for your records.

Please refer to the "Summary of Findings" section of the attached inspection report and provide a written response for each violation that was noted. This case has been referred directly to the Office of Water Quality - Enforcement Branch for further review. City of Helen-West Helena should immediately initiate all actions necessary to resolve and correct the violations cited in the inspection report. Written notification of the corrective actions taken for the violations must be submitted within thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of this letter to the attention of Richard Healey, Office of Water Quality - Enforcement Branch Manager, at (501) 682-0640 or healeyr@adeq.state.ar.us. This written notification should include; but not limited to, photographs and/or copies of other documentation.

If I can be of any assistance, please contact Inspector Supervisor Kerri McCabe at <u>mccabe@adeq.state.ar.us</u> or (501) 352-5641.

Sincerely,

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Aaron Baggett Inspector, Office of Water Quality 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR, 72118

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- 1) The following items violate Part III, Section B, 1, A of the permit:
 - The access road to the treatment facility is damaged and in need of repair.
 - There was inadequate freeboard in the lagoons at the time of the inspection.
 - Due to significant erosion from inadequate freeboard, there are sections of levees in need of repair in all three lagoons inspected.
 - Sections of the lagoon levees were not safely accessible by vehicle at the time of inspection.

2) The following items violate Part 1, Section A of the permit:

- No flow was recorded for October 2021.
- July 2021 is missing flow data.
- All flow values reported for January, May, and July were the same number (2.2MGD).
- No samples were collected in the month of October 2021.
- 3) The following item violates Part II, 10 of the permit:
 - Only two WET tests were conducted in 2021. Per the permit, WET testing frequency is once/quarter.
- 4) The following item violates Part III, Section C, 1 of the permit:
 - The sample data for the composite sampling are incomplete; there is no aliquot information to

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- 5) The following item violates Part III, Section C, 9, C of the permit:
 - The operator did not accompany the inspection beyond the entrance to the facility and subsequently did not provide access to sampling locations or either of the pump houses.

GENERAL COMMENTS

SITE ASSESSMENT

The treatment system for Outfall 001 consists of a five-cell lagoon system.

The two lagoons south of Caney Creek were not accessible for inspection due to high water in the creek crossing.

The following issues were noted for the treatment system for Outfall 001:

- The access road to the lagoons was damaged and in need of repair at the time of inspection. Water damage along a steep slope near the entrance prohibits safe entry and exit, particularly during wet weather. The facility must be accessible by vehicle for inspection and maintenance at all times.
- Some sections of the levees were not accessible by vehicle at the time of inspection. The lagoons must be accessible by vehicle for inspection and maintenance at all times.
- There is inadequate freeboard in the lagoons. Levels in all lagoons have caused significant erosion along the levees, and levels in Cell 2 were nearly over the levees at the time of inspection (Photos 9-13).

<u>City personnel did not provide access to the sampling locations or either of the pump houses during the inspection.</u>

RECORDS

Records for January, May, July, and October of 2021 were requested and provided. Records were made available via email and are deemed organized and complete unless otherwise noted.

Only two samples were taken in July 2021, and no samples were taken in October 2021. Part 1, Section A of the permit requires a once/week sampling frequency for all parameters other than Total Phosphorus and Nitrate + Nitrite Nitrogen. Additionally, only two WET tests were performed in 2021. Part II, 10, A. of the permit requires a once/quarter WET testing frequency.

No flow was reported for the entire month of October 2021 and approximately two weeks of July 2021. It should be noted that <u>all reported flow values for 2021 were the same</u> (2.200 MGD).

Complete composite sample data were not provided on COC. There is no information regarding aliquot sampling intervals on the COC, and it cannot be demonstrated whether samples were collected proportional to flow or per the definition of "composite" in Part IV of the permit.

It is requested that the City of Helena-West Helena provide the sample and flow data from the previous three years to the Office of Water Quality – Enforcement Branch for review.

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SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE:	Kerri McCabe	DATE: 5/26/2022

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SECTION A: PERMIT VERIFICATION	
PERMIT SATISFACTORILY ADDRESSES OBSERVATIONS	
DETAILS:	
1. CORRECT NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF PERMITTEE:	
2. NOTIFICATION GIVEN TO EPA/STATE OF NEW DIFFERENT OR INCREASED DISCHARGES:	
3. NUMBER AND LOCATION OF DISCHARGE POINTS AS DESCRIBED IN PERMIT:	
4. ALL DISCHARGES ARE PERMITTED:	
SECTION B: RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING EVALUATION	
RECORDS AND REPORTS MAINTAINED AS REQUIRED BY PERMIT	S DM DU DNA DNE
DETAILS:	
1. ANALYTICAL RESULTS CONSISTENT WITH DATA REPORTED ON DMRS:	
2. SAMPLING AND ANALYSES DATA ADEQUATE AND INCLUDE: No aliquot information for composite samples.	
a. DATES AND TIME(S) OF SAMPLING:	
b. EXACT LOCATION(S) OF SAMPLING:	
c. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL PERFORMING SAMPLING:	
d. ANALYTICAL METHODS AND TECHNIQUES:	
e. RESULTS OF CALIBRATIONS:	
f. RESULTS OF ANALYSES:	
g. DATES AND TIMES OF ANALYSES:	
h. NAME OF PERSON(S) PERFORMING ANALYSES:	
3. LABORATORY EQUIPMENT CALIBRATION AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS ADEQUATE:	OS OM OU ØNA ONE
4. PLANT RECORDS INCLUDE SCHEDULES, DATES OF EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR:	OS OM OU ONA ØNE
5. EFFLUENT LOADINGS CALCULATED USING DAILY EFFLUENT FLOW AND DAILY ANALYTICAL DATA:	
SECTION C: OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	
TREATMENT FACILITY PROPERLY OPERATED AND MAINTAINED	□S □M ØU □NA □NE
DETAILS:	
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 Øne
4. ADEQUATE ALARM SYSTEM FOR POWER OR EQUIPMENT FAILURES AVAILABLE:	□s □m □u □na Øne
5. ALL NEEDED TREATMENT UNITS IN SERVICE:	Øs 🗆m 🗇u 🖾na 🖾ne
6. ADEQUATE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED OPERATORS PROVIDED:	Øs 🗆m 🗇u 🖾na 🖾ne
7. SPARE PARTS AND SUPPLIES INVENTORY MAINTAINED:	
8. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL AVAILABLE:	
9. STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES AND SCHEDULES ESTABLISHED:	
10. PROCEDURES FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT CONTROL ESTABLISHED:	
11. HAVE BYPASSES/OVERFLOWS OCCURRED AT THE PLANT OR IN THE COLLECTION SYSTEM IN THE LAST YEAR:	
12. IF SO, HAS THE REGULATORY AGENCY BEEN NOTIFIED:	
13. HAS CORRECTIVE ACTION BEEN TAKEN TO PREVENT ADDITIONAL BYPASSES/OVERFLOWS:	
14. HAVE ANY HYDRAULIC OVERLOADS OCCURRED AT THE TREATMENT PLANT:	
15. IF SO, DID PERMIT VIOLATIONS OCCUR AS A RESULT:	

SECTION D: SAMPLING	
PERMITTEE SAMPLING MEETS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS	□S □M ØU □NA □NE
DETAILS: The city uses a contract lab for all sampling.	
1. SAMPLES TAKEN AT SITE(S) SPECIFIED IN PERMIT:	
2. LOCATIONS ADEQUATE FOR REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLES:	
3. FLOW PROPORTIONED SAMPLES OBTAINED WHEN REQUIRED BY PERMIT:	
4. SAMPLING AND ANALYSES COMPLETED ON PARAMETERS SPECIFIED IN PERMIT:	
5. SAMPLING AND ANALYSES PERFORMED AT FREQUENCY SPECIFIED IN PERMIT:	
6. SAMPLE COLLECTION PROCEDURES ADEQUATE:	
a. SAMPLES REFRIGERATED DURING COMPOSITING:	
b. PROPER PRESERVATION TECHNIQUES USED:	
c. CONTAINERS AND SAMPLE HOLDING TIMES CONFORM TO 40 CFR 136:	
7. IF MONITORING IS PERFORMED MORE OFTEN THAN REQUIRED ARE RESULTS REPORTED ON THE DMR:	
SECTION E: FLOW MEASUREMENT	
PERMITTEE FLOW MEASUREMENT MEETS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS	□S □M □U □NA ØNE
DETAILS: Not evaluated due to thunderstorm during inspection. Primary flow me	asurement is 3'
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2. FLOW MEASURED AT EACH OUTFALL AS REQUIRED:	Dy On Ona Øne
3. SECONDARY INSTRUMENTS (TOTALIZERS, RECORDERS, ETC.) PROPERLY OPERATED AND MAINTAINED:	
4. CALIBRATION FREQUENCY ADEQUATE:	
5. RECORDS MAINTAINED OF CALIBRATION PROCEDURES:	
6. CALIBRATION CHECKS DONE TO ASSURE CONTINUED COMPLIANCE:	
7. FLOW ENTERING DEVICE WELL DISTRIBUTED ACROSS THE CHANNEL AND FREE OF TURBULENCE:	
8. FLOW MEASUREMENT EQUIPMENT ADEQUATE TO HANDLE EXPECTED RANGE OF FLOW RATES:	
9. HEAD MEASURED AT PROPER LOCATION:	
SECTION F: LABORATORY	
PERMITTEE LABORATORY PROCEDURES MEET PERMIT REQUIREMENTS	ØS OM OU ONA ONE
DETAILS: The city uses a contract lab for all sampling.	
1. EPA APPROVED ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES USED (40 CFR 136.3 FOR LIQUIDS, 503.8(B) FOR SLUDGES) :	
2. IF ALTERNATIVE ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES ARE USED, PROPER APPROVAL HAS BEEN OBTAINED:	DY DN ØNA DNE
3. SATISFACTORY CALIBRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT:	🗹 y 🗆 n 🗆 na 🗆 ne
4. QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES ADEQUATE:	My On Ona One
5. DUPLICATE SAMPLES ARE ANALYZED \geq 10% OF THE TIME:	
6. SPIKED SAMPLES ARE ANALYZED \geq 10% OF THE TIME:	
7. COMMERCIAL LABORATORY USED:	
a. LAB NAME:	
b. LAB ADDRESS:	
c. PARAMETERS PERFORMED:	
8. BIOMONITORING PROCEDURES ADEQUATE:	
a. PROPER ORGANISMS USED:	
b. PROPER DILUTION SERIES FOLLOWED:	
c. PROPER TEST METHODS AND DURATION:	
d. RETESTS AND/OR TRE PERFORMED AS REQUIRED:	

SECTION	G: EFFLUENT/F		ERS OBSERV							
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DETAILS: Could not access final treatment lagoons due to weather; operator did not provide access to pump										
stations where effluent is sampled.										
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2. SLUDG	RECORDS MAINTAINE	D AS REQUIRED BY 4	0 CFR 503:			⊡s ⊡m				
3. FOR LA	ND APPLIED SLUDGE, T	YPE OF LAND APPLIE	D TO: (E.G., FOREST,	, AGRICULTURAL, PU	BLIC CONTACT SITE): N	<u>/A</u>				
SECTION	I: SAMPLING IN	SPECTION PRO	DCEDURES							
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DETAILS	5:									
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5. SAMPLE	OBTAINED FROM FACI	LITY'S SAMPLING DE'	/ICE:			ΠY				
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7. SAMPLE	SPLIT WITH PERMITTE	E:				DΥ				
8. CHAIN-0	OF-CUSTODY PROCEDU	RES EMPLOYED:				DΥ				
9. SAMPLE	S COLLECTED IN ACCC	RDANCE WITH PERM	IIT:			Dγ	□n Øna □ne			
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1. SWPPP	UPDATED AS NEEDED:	DATE OF LAST UF	PDATE:			ΠY	□n Øna □ne			
2. SITE MA	P INCLUDING ALL DISC	HARGES AND SURFA	CE WATERS:			ΠY				
3. POLLUT	ION PREVENTION TEAM	1 IDENTIFIED:				ΠY				
4. POLLUT	ION PREVENTION TEAM	I PROPERLY TRAINED):			ΠY	□n Øna □ne			
5. LIST OF	POTENTIAL POLLUTAN	T SOURCES:				ΠY				
6. LIST OF	POTENTIAL SOURCES	AND PAST SPILLS AN	D LEAKS:			ΠY	🗆 n 🗹 na 🗆 ne			
7. ALL NO	N-STORM WATER DISCH	ARGES ARE AUTHOR	RIZED:			ΠY	□n Øna □ne			
8. LIST OF	STRUCTURAL BMPS:					ΠY				
9. LIST OF	NON-STRUCTURAL BM	PS:				ΠY				
10. BMPS P	ROPERLY OPERATED A	ND MAINTAINED:				ΠY	🗆 n 🗹 na 🗆 ne			
11. INSPEC	TIONS CONDUCTED AS	REQUIRED:				ΠY	🗆 n 🗹 na 🗆 ne			

DMR Calculation Check

Reporting Period:		<u>)21</u> ear	01 Month	01 Day	_ To _	2021 Year	01 Month	31 Day
Parameter Checked:	СВО	D5						
		ding ass				Concer Mon		
	Mo. Avg.	Ibs/da	ıy	Mo. A	vg r	ng/l	7-day Avg	mg/l
Reported Value:	18	1.2			9.9		15.2	2
Calculated Value:	181.2			9.88			15.1	9
Permit Value:	25	0.2			25.0		40.0	0

If calculated value does not equal reported value, explain:

Minor differences due to rounding.

DATE	CONCENTRATION (mg/l)	MGD	MASS(lbs/day)	7-DAY AVERAGE (mg/l)
8	5.1	2.2	93.5748	5.1
15	7.48	2.2	137.24304	7.48
19	15.19	2.2	278.70612	15.19
26	11.74	2.2	215.40552	11.74
MONTHLY AVG	9.8775	2.2	181.23237	

DMR Calculation Check

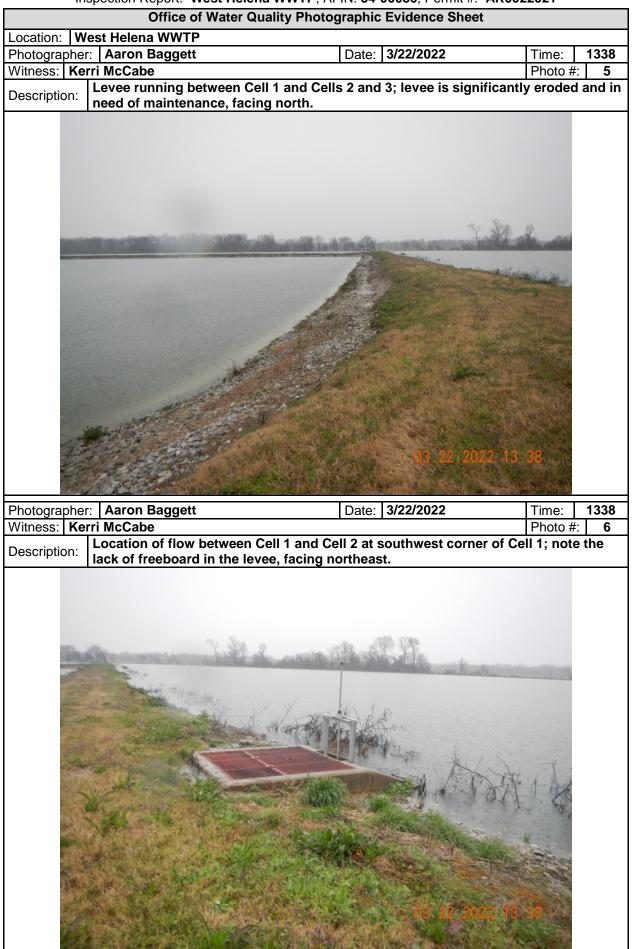
Reporting Period:	From <u>202</u> Yea		<u>01</u> To Day	2021 Year	05 Month	<u>31</u> Day
Parameter Checked:	Ammo	nia				
	Load Mas	-		Concer Mon		
	Mo. Avg	· Ibs/day	Mo. Avg		7-day Avg	mg/l
Reported Value:	0.2	2	4.3		0.4	
Calculated Value:	ed Value: 4.27		0.23		0.35	5
Permit Value:	150	.1	15.0		22.5	;

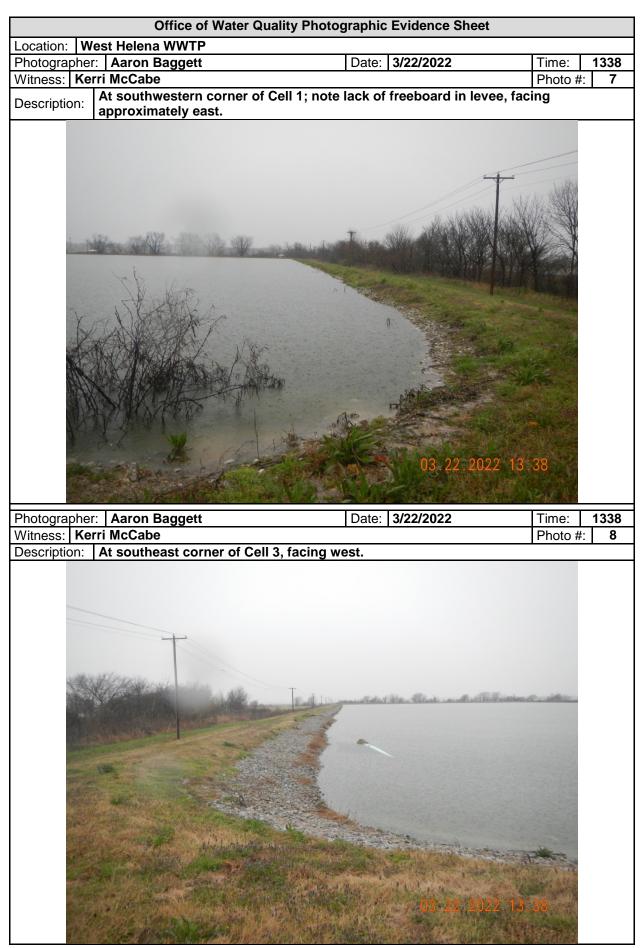
If calculated value does not equal reported value, explain: <u>Minor differences due to rounding. Monthly averages for</u> <u>concentration and loading appear to have been swapped</u> <u>when permittee submitted DMR; both of the correctly</u> <u>calculated values were under the corresponding permit limits.</u>

DATE	CONCENTRATION (mg/l)	MGD	MASS(lbs/day)	7-DAY AVERAGE (mg/l)
4	0.35	2.2	6.4218	0.35
11	0.26	2.2	4.77048	0.26
18	0.2	2.2	3.6696	0.2
25	0.12	2.2	2.20176	0.12
MONTHLY AVG	0.2325	2.2	4.26591	

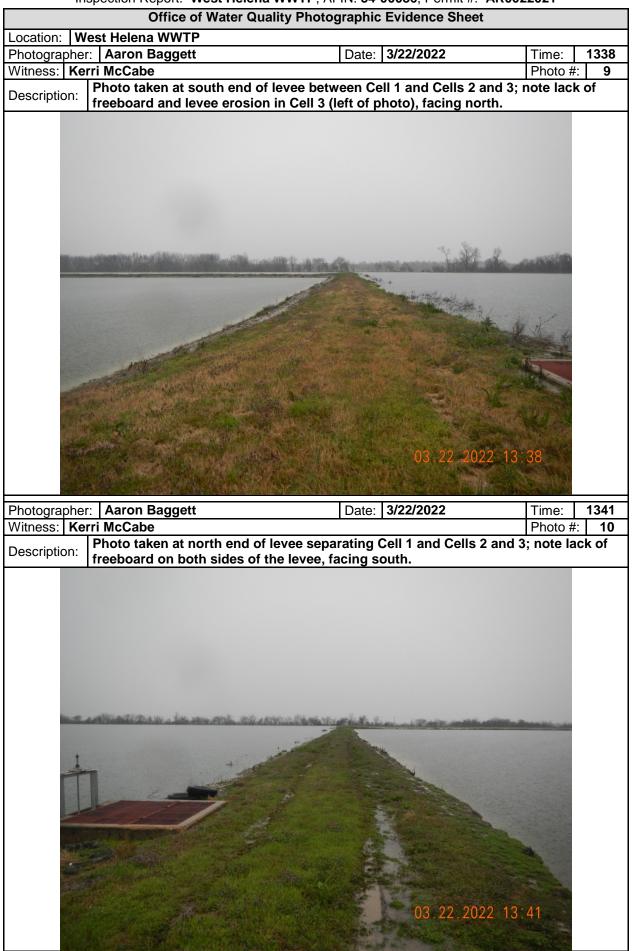




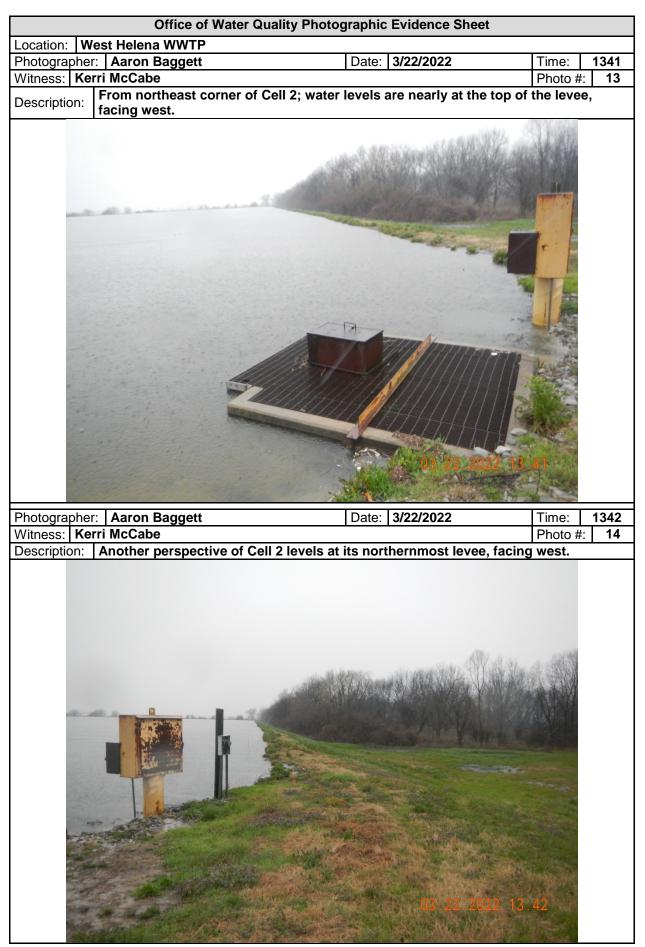




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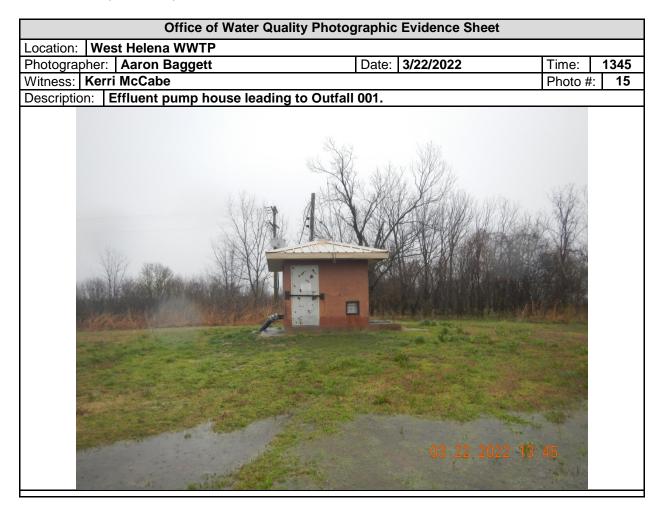


Figure 1. Google Earth image depicting overview of West Helena WWTP location and Outfall001; satellite base imagery dated 11/11/2020.

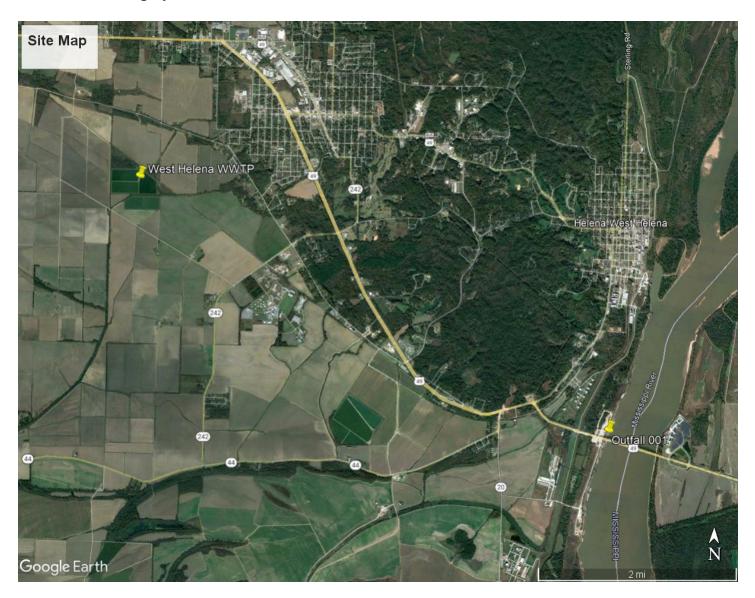


Figure 2. Google Earth image depicting West Helena WWTP components and simplified flow path; satellite base imagery dated 11/11/2020.

