



Forrest City Water Utility

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September 29, 2023

RE: AR0020087 – CAO Progress Report

Mr. Harrington,

In accordance with the Consent Administrative Order (CAO) signed by the City of Forrest City, the Forrest City Water Utility (FCWU) submitted a comprehensive Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to ADEQ in March 2018. The CAP proposed a two phased work plan. The first phase was completed in mid-2019. A second phase workplan developed based on the result of the 1st phase workplan was submitted to ADEQ in June 2019. The elements of the workplan are as follows:

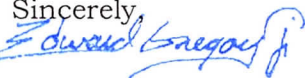
1. Perform smoke testing in all areas of the collection system.
2. Perform televising of lines in areas deemed necessary based on smoke testing.
3. Develop a plan to address deficiencies through rehabilitation, repair, or replacement.
4. Develop a manhole inspection program.
5. Recommend a method of repair and develop a cost estimate for such.
6. Complete Repair and Rehabilitation

Despite the Pandemic related work interruptions FCWU was able to accomplish the following:

- 100 completions of in-house smoke testing of 3451 sewer line segments.
- 1% of CCTV lines based on smoke testing.
- Level 1 inspection of 1765 manholes
- Repaired or eliminated 20% of the identified deficiencies.

Due to the ongoing labor and material shortages, delays, and changes in management including the mayor and utility manager, FCWU has found it difficult balancing continue the workplan against our other water and wastewater responsibilities. The inability to effectively do both has made it clear FCWU will not be able to complete the workplan without outside assistance. After speaking with outside professionals that deal with work plans like ours, FCWU is confident we will be able to complete the CAP and close out or CAO if given additional time to select and onboard the assistance we need to do so. This is why I am asking to extend the final compliance date to June 30, 2027 as well as allowing FCWU till February 29, 2024 to complete onboarding and update the milestone schedule.

Please contact me if you need additional information or need any clarification.

Sincerely,


Edward Gregory Jr
Utility Manager