

# NON-COMPLIANCE REPORT

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality  
Office of Water Quality - Enforcement Branch  
5301 Northshore Drive  
North Little Rock, AR 72118

RE: Permit No: AR0020273 Discharge Number: 001  
Facility: City of Siloam Springs Wastewater Plant  
Address: 975 Anderson Avenue  
City: Siloam Springs State: AR Zip: 72761  
Contact: Tony Brown Phone: 479-524-5623

Date of Non-Compliance	Parameter Exceeded	Quantity or Loading	Quality or Concentration	Permit Limits
Date 2-3-2024	Parameter Ammonia Nitrogen (NH3-N) 7-Day Avg.	Loading	Concnetration 20.5 mg/L	Limit 6.0 mg/L

## We feel this problem was due to:

### State Problem

During the freezing temperatures the week of January 22nd through the 26th our sodium bisulfite tanks froze and the chemical fill line broke. As the tanks thawed out a venturi was created and drained one of the tanks back into the influent process. Sodium Bisulfite is an oxygen scavenger and reduced the nitrification process causing ammonia not to be oxidized. Subsequently, causing the ammonia to leave at 20.5 mg/l in the effluent.

## We plan on correcting the problem in this manner:

### State Correction

Staff are in the process of getting a check valve that will work with the sodium bisulfite to ensure it can not back feed into the wastewater process.

This was a carry over from the previous month's ammonia issue we had, that affected the 7-day average for February 2024.

## Time estimated that it will take to correct problem:

### Time Estimate

There is an estimated 2 week lead time to correct the problem from occurring in the future.

Sincerely,

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: 1/31/2024

## Submitted electronically via NetDMR

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