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Department of Environmental Quality

June 27, 2011

Adam Roark, PE
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City of Siloam Springs
P.O. Box 80
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Re: NPDES Permit Nos.: AR0020273, AFIN: 04-00106
Response to Inspection

Dear Mr. Roark:

The Department is in receipt of your June 2, 2011 response to the May 21-22, 2011 compliance and sampling inspection of the Siloam Springs wastewater treatment facility. After careful consideration, the Department has denied your request to issue an amended inspection report. However, the Department has the following comments concerning the response to the specific violations cited in the inspection:

The Department disagrees with the city's position that the diverting of screened influent directly to the Biological Nutrient Removal System (BNR) does not constitute a bypass. However, Part II, Section B, Paragraph 4(a) of NPDES Permit No.: AR0020273 allows for any bypass to occur that does not cause effluent limitations to be exceeded if the bypass is necessary for essential maintenance to ensure efficient operation. Bypasses of this nature are not subject to the reporting requirements of Part II, Section B, Paragraph 4(b) and (c).

The Department has deemed the response concerning the solids that were bulking and flowing over the weir to be satisfactory and has no further comment.

The Department agrees that there was no violation of Part III, Condition 12 of NPDES Permit No.: AR0020273 and has no further comment.

The Department has deemed the response concerning the plant records satisfactory and has no further comment.

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If we need further information concerning this matter, we will contact you. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 501-682-0635 or you may e-mail me at anderson@adeq.state.ar.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan Anderson". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Alan Anderson
Enforcement Analyst
Water Division Enforcement Branch