



A R K A N S A S
Department of Environmental Quality

May 21, 2019

Honorable Jerry Martin, Mayor
City of Alma
811 Fayetteville Avenue
Alma, AR 72921

**RE: NPDES Permit Number: AR0021466, AFIN: 17-00059
Whole Effluent Toxicity Test Lab Error**

Dear Mayor Martin:

The Department has conducted a review of the Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) tests performed by American Interplex Corporation from September 2016 to January 2019. The review revealed that acute WET tests for *Pimephales promelas* and *Daphnia pulex* conducted for Outfall 001 during November 1, 2016, February 14, 2017, October 24, 2017, and February 26, 2018, as required by NPDES Permit No. AR0021466 (Permit) deviated from the 48-hour test duration specified in EPA-821-R-02-012. These tests have been deemed invalid.

Please correct the TX1-S Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) for December 31, 2016, June 30, 2017, and December 31, 2017, to reflect "NODI M – Laboratory Error" and attach this letter as your non-compliance report. These corrections should be made by June 1, 2019.

Reporting Laboratory Error on your DMR is a violation of Part I, Section A of your Permit. The Department has elected not to take formal enforcement action for these violations of your Permit.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact Myrl Lawrence at 501-682-0699, or by e-mail at myrl.lawrence@adeq.state.ar.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R Healey", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Healey
Enforcement Branch Manager
Office of Water Quality

cc: Mark Yardley, Director of Public Works, Alma (mark@cityofalma.org)
John Overbey, Lab Director, American Interplex (joverbey@americaninterplex.com)