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Department of Environmental Quality

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Steve Dufresne, Director
Van Buren Municipal Utilities
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Van Buren, Arkansas 72956

RE: NPDES Permit No.: AR0021482, AFIN: 17-00062
NPDES Permit Effluent Violations and Requesting a CAP

Dear Mr. Dufresne:

On December 5, 2016, ADEQ called you to discuss the non-compliance for ammonia (NH₃) violations for two months reporting period ending May 31, 2016 and August 31, 2016. In the phone call, it was acknowledged that the effluent violations were an issue that was of concern to you, and that you were working to gather information on the operations that may have caused the violations. Since I spoke to you, an October 2016 exceedance of ammonia nitrogen has been reported.

The Department expects the facility to continue all efforts to attain compliance, and due to the repeated occurrences, recommends that you consult with a Professional Engineer for the purpose of developing a Corrective Action Plan (CAP). The CAP should detail the corrective actions taken or will be taken to achieve compliance with the terms of the Permit. The CAP should include a milestone schedule with the date the facility expects to be in compliance.

Please submit the report to the ADEQ Water Division Enforcement Branch no later than **January 31, 2017**. The report may also be emailed to farmers@adeq.state.ar.us. The complexity and duration of the corrective action will be considered in determining if formal enforcement action will be proposed.

Any violation of your NPDES Permit is subject to enforcement action by this Department, pursuant to the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act. The regulations and your NPDES Permit require that you take all reasonable measures necessary to eliminate or prevent the occurrence of violations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 501-682-7399 or you may e-mail me at farmers@adeq.state.ar.us.

Sincerely,



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