



May 30, 2019

Water Division Enforcement Branch  
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality  
5301 Northshore Drive  
North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

Re: Fort Smith Massard WWTP, AFIN: 66-01652  
NPDES Permit No. AR21750, ARR000449

Dear Sir/Madam

On May 25, 2019 plant personnel noted treated effluent discharging from the air relief structures on the effluent line discharging to the Arkansas River. This constitutes an unpermitted discharge according to conditions stipulated in the permit.

The unpermitted discharge is the result of the record flooding on the Arkansas River. The current river level of near 41 feet was never envisioned during the design of the effluent discharge pipe to the river, thus the situation could not have been avoided.

As the discharge is treated effluent, the City anticipates no environmental impact or other adverse conditions. The unpermitted discharge will continue until the river falls to an elevation of 35 feet.

Should you require further clarification or additional information, please contact me at 479-784-2331 or via email at [sfloyd@fortsmithar.gov](mailto:sfloyd@fortsmithar.gov).

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Sincerely,

*Steve Floyd*

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Pc: Lance McAvoy, Deputy Director of Operations

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