

Subject: Quarterly Bioassay Testing

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To: jshempert.waterdept@yahoo.com

Date: Friday, April 13, 2018 11:14:18 AM

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Mr. Shempert,

It appears that Marion is in violation of the NPDES permit due to the quarterly bioassay not being scheduled by Waypoint analytical. In order to prevent this from happening again, a master document is being prepared and will be looked at by the Waypoint client services team and by the Waypoint project managers. With all of the extra eyes on the schedule It should not happen again.

Please let me know if you need me to do anything else.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

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Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality  
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North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

Attn: Enforcement Analyst,

RE: City of Marion  
NPDES Permit No. AR0021971

Dear Enforcement Analyst,

The City of Marion has failed to meet our permit requirement for CHRONIC WET TESTING, we experienced a scheduling problem. This is the first failure of a scheduled bioassay that I can recall, resulting in the failure to sample for the first quarter of 2018. The lab has recently had a personnel change in this department. We plan to be more diligent in our scheduling with our lab. The City of Marion knows that it is our responsibility to meet our permit requirements and we have attached an explanation from our lab Waypoint Analytical, Inc.

Sincerely,



Jim Shempert  
Marion Water/Wastewater Manager