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Becky Keogh  
Director ADEQ  
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RE: NPDES Permit Number AR0022292, AFIN 04-00052. Request for Extension of CAO Response

Dear Ms. Keogh,

The City of Decatur received on March 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 a "Consent Administrative Order" from your department in reference to discharge violations in our NPDES permit. On the day we received the order the City of Decatur retained McClelland Consulting Engineers of Fayetteville Arkansas to assist us in writing the CAO response and developing the Corrective Action Plan.

Due to the short 20 calendar day response requirement of this order the City respectfully request an extension of this time to 60 days. Our city council is scheduled to meet again on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April where this will be addressed. We would like to meet with you and our engineers before and approve the plan at the May 9<sup>th</sup> city council meeting. Our engineers are concerned about the time to be in compliance and would like time to review this with the department and compare that to the schedule currently in place. Getting this plan in front of the council with a solid understanding of a way to meet the order is our priority.

This week is spring break week with many key people out of town, and with the complexity of the order the above schedule would give us a better chance to show you how this problem will be addressed.

The City of Decatur takes this CAO very seriously with solutions already under way. Your consideration of the CAO extension is needed and would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know your decision quickly, time is already almost out for the initial deadline if we have to convene a special council meeting. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 479-752-3912.

Sincerely,

Bob Tharp  
Mayor  
City of Decatur