



**DIVISION OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

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March 12, 2024

Honorable Robert Tharp, Mayor
City of Decatur
P.O Box 247
Decatur AR, 72722

EMAIL: btharp@decaturar.us

**RE: NPDES Permit Number AR0022292 AFIN 04-00052
PROPOSED CONSENT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

Dear Mayor Tharp:

On January 19, 2024, the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) issued a proposed Consent Administrative Order (CAO) to Facility with an assessed civil penalty of \$9400.00, with \$4900.00 conditionally suspended. On February 5, 2024, the City of Decatur requested an extension to submit the required deliverables in the CAO. After careful consideration, DEQ is willing to accept this request.

Enclosed is a copy of the revised CAO in this matter. If you choose to accept the terms of the CAO, please sign, date, and **return the originally, signed copy** to the address below **within (20) calendar days** of receipt of this letter. A City Council Resolution that approves the CAO and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer to sign the CAO on behalf of the City of Decatur must also be submitted. Subsequently, the Chief Administrator of DEQ will sign the CAO and you will be provided a copy, including information on the public notice process and the effective date of the CAO.

Failure to contact the DEQ, Office of Water Quality, Enforcement Branch in response to this CAO **within (20) calendar days** of receipt of this letter, will constitute rejection of the settlement offer and unilateral enforcement action may proceed through a Notice of Violation (NOV). Should you wish to discuss this matter further, you may contact me at (501) 682-0736, or you may e-mail thomas.harrington@adeq.state.ar.us .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas Harrington".

Thomas Harrington
Compliance Analyst, OWQ, DEQ

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