

TELECON NOTE

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

PERMIT No: AR0022292	AFIN: 04-00052	DATE & TIME: 8/24/21 1030 AM
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RE:
Effluent Violations, Design vs Actual Flow, Corrective Actions

BETWEEN: James Boston, WW Super	OF: City of Decatur	PHONE: 479-212-0726
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AND:
Myrl V Lawrence Jr, Enforcement Analyst, DEQ-OWQ-ENF, 501-682-0699

DISCUSSION:
I Outbound call/ Discussed the DMR reported effluent limit violations from August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2021, at the facility and reasons for the occurrences/ Mr. Boston stated in January they had a large lightning strike that knocked out about \$30,000 worth of equipment, and weakened a number of other systems that have been slowly failing/ In February nitrifiers died, and in May, the two main blowers went out. He stated they had a single spare but sharing the single blower was not sufficient to avoid the Nitrogen violations while they worked to get replacement blowers./ New blowers are now in place, and they were back to compliance in July and expect to finish August in compliance./ Plant expansion to 3.8 MGD was completed in Feb 2019/ Almost immediately due to rapid expansion in region, both public and industrial, they were running back at or near capacity/ This also has impacted process/ They have begun the next design process to further expand the facility and are preparing to release bids for the design team in next 30 days./ Also discussed impact of I&I issues briefly./ Advised Mr. Boston a request for CAP would likely be forthcoming due to the violations.

ACTION ITEMS:
Determine next steps for enforcement actions.