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Honorable Robert Tharp
Mayor, City of Decatur
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RE: NPDES Permit No.: AR0022292, AFIN: 04-00052
Revised Interim Operating Plan

Dear Mayor Tharp:

On February 15, 2018, ADEQ and the City of Decatur discussed via conference call the City's reported effluent violations for the past year, the February 10, 2018 Reconnaissance Inspection Report where ADEQ observed sludge deposits in Columbia Hollow Creek. Also discussed was the City's wastewater treatment plant discharge into the receiving stream and the City's sludge handling and disposal procedures detailed in the March 9, 2017 Interim Operation Plan.

As a result of discussions, ADEQ requests the City of Decatur reevaluate its sludge handling and disposal procedures and submit a revised Interim Operating Plan **within twenty (20) calendar days of the receipt of this letter** which describes in detail the new operational measures that will be undertaken to consistently maximize the removal efficiency of all pollutants covered by the permit. The City shall implement the revised Interim Operating Plan immediately upon its submittal to ADEQ.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 501-682-0667 or at gavin.gray@adeq.state.ar.us.

Sincerely,



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