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Department of Environmental Quality

May 21, 2019

Paul Graham, General Manager
Heber Springs Water and Sewer Commission
1106 West Front
Heber Springs, AR 72543

**RE: NPDES Permit Number: AR0022381, AFIN: 12-00029
Whole Effluent Toxicity Test Lab Error**

Dear Mr. Graham:

The Department has conducted a review of the Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) tests performed by American Interplex Corporation from September 2016 to January 2019. The review revealed that chronic WET test for *Ceriodaphnia dubia* conducted for Outfall 002 during March 2017, December 2017, and November 2018, as required by NPDES Permit No. AR0022381 (Permit) deviated from the maximum test duration specified in EPA-821-R-02-013. These tests have been deemed invalid.

Please correct the TX2-Q Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) for March 31, 2017, December 31, 2017, and December 31, 2018 to reflect "NODI M – Laboratory Error" and attach this letter as your non-compliance report. These corrections should be made by June 1, 2019.

Reporting Laboratory Error on your DMR is a violation of Part I, Section A of your Permit. The Department has elected not to take formal enforcement action for these violations of your Permit.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact Leslie Allen-Daniel at 501-682-0630, or by e-mail at allen-daniel@adeq.state.ar.us.

Sincerely,

Richard Healey
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cc: John Overbey, Lab Director, American Interplex (joverbey@americaninterplex.com)