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June 17, 2019

CERTIFIED LETTER

Christiana Brown, Enforcement Analyst
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RE: 2019 Arkansas River Flooding (Boyd Point Facility AR0033316)

Dear Mrs. Brown:

Please be advised that this letter serves as a follow up report of the actions (and sequences of events) that were taken in preparation for and during the course of the recent flooding event:

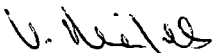
- As we became aware of the Arkansas River flood, we closed off the effluent discharge gravity line to the river. We discharged our treated effluent through the use of the force main by pumping from our effluent lift station. We were trying to lower our lagoons so we could retain more wastewater; and
- After lowering the lagoon, we inserted additional weir plates. We were trying to create enough space to hold the maximum amount of water in each lagoon cell. As a precautionary step, we had a 10" standby pump delivered to the wastewater treatment facility in the event that we would have to bypass through the system.

On a daily basis, we notified your office via telephone as conditions changed. We updated ADEQ regularly on the flooding in our area and our plans to minimize the effects to our facilities. As you are aware, the flood level rose high enough that the river water entered into our contact chamber and infiltrated two (2) final polishing effluent lagoons. Additionally, we experienced a power loss at our blower building. However, Entergy was able to restore power and the facility resumed regular operation.

In closing, the water finally crested on Thursday, June 6, 2019. The water level of the river has dropped significantly enough for us to discharge, again, by the use of pumps. However, at no time, did we have to bypass at the facility.

If you need additional information, please give me a call at (870) 535-6603.

Sincerely,



Vincent Miles,
Environmental Compliance Supervisor

Cc: Ken Johnson, General Manager

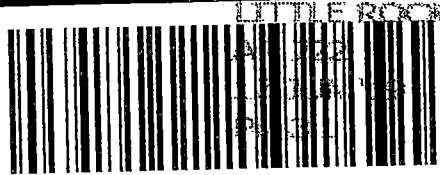


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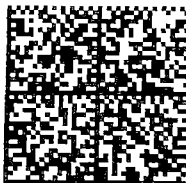
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