

PINE BLUFF WASTEWATER UTILITY

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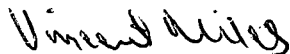
Re: Pine Bluff Wastewater Utility, NPDES Permit Number AR0033316 - AFIN 35-00149

Dear Ms. Brown,

On January 11, 2020; an employee at Planter's Cotton Oil Mill noticed a leak on their property. That leak turned out to be a Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) located at 2901 Planters Drive, Pine Bluff, AR 71601. The SSO started in a yard and eventually ended in a ditch. The SSO was discovered January 11, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. and ended on January 13, 2020 at 9:30 a.m., after repair work was completed. The total estimated volume is around 1.5 MGD. It appears that this SSO was due to sewer gases causing the ductile pipe to deteriorate over a period of many years. The steps taken or planned reduce, eliminate, and prevent future SSOs will be ongoing. The Utility plans to evaluate areas to determine if there are other potential problems which may cause a SSO in the future.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (870) 535-6603.

Sincerely,



Vincent Miles
E.C. Supervisor

Cc: Ken Johnson, General Manager