

# PINE BLUFF WASTEWATER UTILITY

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November 07, 2022

Kristen Graham, Admin Specialist III  
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality  
5301 Northshore Drive  
North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

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

Dear Ms. Graham,

On November 05, 2022, an employee at Pine Bluff Wastewater Utility (PBWU) was notified of a possible sewer leak near Pump Station #29 at 2810 North Hutchinson, Pine Bluff, AR 71602. PBWU responded immediately and worked over the weekend to repair a leak on the force main. During the repair, a Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) was discovered on November 05, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. and ended on November 06, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Our plans to remediate the SSO included spreading lime on the affected area. It appears that this SSO was due to sewer gases causing the ductile iron pipe to deteriorate over a period of many years. The total estimated volume of overflow is approximately 100,000 gallons and occurred when the station would cycle on the force main. The steps taken or plans to reduce, eliminate and prevent future SSO's will be on-going. The Utility plans to evaluate areas to determine if there are other potential problems which may cause an SSO in the future.

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

Sincerely,



Vincent Miles  
Environmental Compliance Director

Cc: Ken Johnson, General Manager