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June 19, 2014

Alan Anderson, Enforcement Analyst
ADEQ
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RE: Sanitary Sewer Overflow

Dear Mr. Anderson:

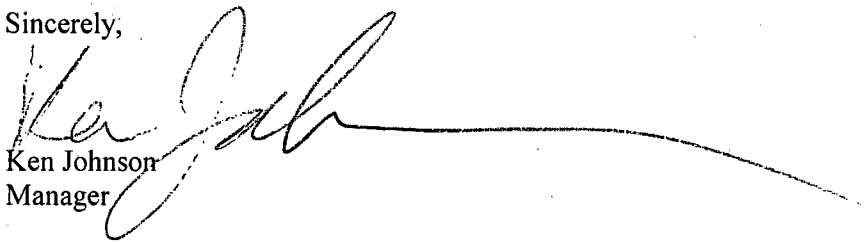
Pine Bluff Wastewater Utility was notified June 11, 2014 by an employee of Graphic Flexible Mill concerning a leak on our line. PBWU crews were dispatched to an area that was about 1,000 feet of the intersection of Jefferson Parkway and McFadden Road. After arriving, the crew began working to uncover the leaking pipe so that we could determine the plan of action needed to replace or repair the damaged line.

The crew exposed the damaged pipe and discovered holes in the top and bottom of the 30" ductile iron pipe. It is suspected that the damage to the pipe may have potentially been caused by the soil bedding the pipe. The crew replaced approximately 120 ft. section of pipe to complete the repair of the force main. Once the repair was completed, the excavated area containing the pipe was covered using our heavy equipment. We initially recognized and reported an SSO in the low area of the property that we felt comfortable it was contained. When Steven Henderson (ADEQ Inspector) visited the site on June 18th, we discovered that some of the sewage entered a slough area. At the time of the overflow, we were unable to determine that some of the sewage had entered that area due to the high grass that surrounds the area.

The Pine Bluff Wastewater Utility will keep the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality updated of the progress. The wastewater laboratory technicians have taken some fecal coliform samples for testing and will take additional samples to monitor the the low level area which may have contained run off from the site location. We will be working toward pumping and removing wastewater from the area and will conduct additional fecal coliform tests.

In addition, we have collected soil samples to have it analyzed to determine if it contain corrosive properties and could have potentially compromised the integrity of the pipe. We hope to find out the root cause of the pipe damage to prevent similar problems from recurring. If there should be any questions or concerns pertaining to this letter. Please feel free to contact me at 870-535-6603.

Sincerely,


Ken Johnson
Manager

Cc: Vincent Miles, Environmental Compliance Supervisor

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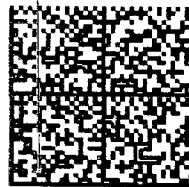
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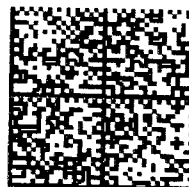
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