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Mr. Richard Healey
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VIA EMAIL

RE: City of Hot Springs, Arkansas, Garland County

NPDES Permit Number: AR0033880, AFIN: 2600145 Sanitary Sewer Overflows Manholes #1750 and #1748

Bacteria Sampling and Communication Plan Lake Catherine Filamentous Algae Study

Extension Request

Dear Mr. Healey:

Crist Engineers, Inc. is providing professional services for the City of Hot Springs in regards with assistance between the City of Hot Springs and the Department for the subject item.

Thank you for hosting a meeting yesterday to discuss the Department's proposed Water Quality Management Plan for the Lake Catherin Filamentous Algae Study (WQMP). I feel that much was gained through this effort, and the meeting was worthwhile.

To incorporate items of discussion during the meeting, this correspondence is formally soliciting the Department for an extension of time for response on or before March 29, 2026. We hope this request is received favorably.

We look forward to working with you and AEE/DEQ staff to develop a WQMP to address your concerns for Lake Catherine.

Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence please don't hesitate to contact me at 501.993.2922.

Sincerely, Crist Engineers

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