

December 11, 2019

Monty Ledbetter, Utilities Director City of Hot Springs WWTP 780 Adams Street Hot Springs, AR 71901

RE: NPDES Permit Number: AR0033880, AFIN: 26-00145 Whole Effluent Toxicity Test Lab Error

Dear Mr. Ledbetter:

DEQ has reevaluated the Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) tests performed by American Interplex Corporation from September 2016 to January 2019. The review revealed that the chronic WET test for *Ceriodaphnia dubia* conducted for Outfall 001 during November 2018, as required by NPDES Permit No. AR0033880 did not deviate from the maximum test duration specified in EPA-821-R-02-013. This test has been deemed valid.

DEQ will make the necessary corrections to the TX2-Q Discharge Monitoring Report for December 31, 2018, to reflect the original submission.

If you have questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact Leslie Allen-Daniel at 501-682-0630, or by e-mail at <u>allen-daniel@adeq.state.ar.us</u>.

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