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Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment Division of Environmental Quality NPDES Water Division 5301 Northshore Drive North Little Rock, AR 72018

RE: NPDES Permit No. AR0036498 AFIN 63-00063

Dear Administrator,

This letter is to address information that may not be reflected on the Biosolids Annual Report submitted to EPA for the year 2023 under the eReporting method. Additional information can be found in more detail in the facilities No-Discharge Water permit (Permit No.4359-WR-4 AFIN 63-00063).

Benton Utilities Wastewater Treatment Plant is permitted to apply liquid sludge over acreage as described in Permit No.4359-WR-4 AFIN 63-00063 Condition No. 6 of Part II of the permit. Total Acreage is 222. The dry ton per year was **0.00** and the gallons per year were **0.00**. For the year 2023, there was no land application of liquid sludge to permitted acreage. Permit No. 4359-WR-4 AFIN 63-00063 was issued January 1, 2021 and expires December 31, 2025.

All testing requirements were submitted as attachments with Biosolids reporting for each Monitoring Period. A total of 330 dry metric tons were generated in 2023. The granular biosolids material was disposed of by another method, as indicated on the biosolids annual report as being sold to Mannco Environmental Services Inc., which further prepares the biosolids. A total of 325 dry metric tons in 2023 were shipped to Mannco Environmental. A portion of the generated amount is retained for city use.

If additional information is required concerning the biosolids annual report, please contact my office at the number below.

Sincerely,

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