

## DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

January 29, 2024

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## RE: NPDES Permit No. AR0036498, AFIN 63-00063 Corrective Action Plan Response

Dear Mr. Pedersen:

The Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) received and reviewed the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) dated January 3, 2024, for the above-referenced facility. The response was deemed adequate with the following comments:

- Please be advised that pursuant to APC&EC Rule 6.202(A), "Any person who desires to construct, operate or modify any disposal system which will discharge to the waters of the State... shall submit an application for a permit for such activity."
- Please submit quarterly reports detailing the progress the City of Benton has made in achieving final compliance with the elimination of SSOs. The next quarterly report is due on March 15, 2024, and then quarterly thereafter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 501-682-0699, or you may e-mail <u>tiana.toups@adeq.state.ar.us</u>.

Sincerely,

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