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Honorable Charles Snapp
City of Walnut Ridge
P.O. Box 723
Walnut Ridge, AR 72476

Gary J. Little, Chairman
City of Walnut Ridge
216 Southwest Fourth Street
Walnut Ridge, AR 72476

**RE: Revised Proposed Consent Administrative Order
NPDES Permit Tracking No. AR0046566, AFIN: 38-00040**

Dear Mayor Snapp and Chairman Little,

On November 30, 2016, the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) issued a proposed Consent Administrative Order (CAO) to the City of Walnut Ridge with an assessed civil penalty of \$11,400.00. On February 9, 2017, Crist Engineers, Inc. submitted a letter on behalf of the City requesting minor language changes to the proposed CAO; a request to extend of the final compliance date in the CAP; and a request to reduce the proposed penalty. After careful consideration, ADEQ has agreed to accept the language changes to the Finding of Fact, paragraph 17 in the proposed CAO, and has agreed to extend the final compliance in the CAP until June 1, 2020 and has accepted the requested reduction of penalty to \$7,200.00.

Enclosed is a copy of the revised CAO in this matter. If you choose to accept the terms of the CAO, with the reduced penalty of \$7,200.00, please sign, date, and **return the original, embossed copy** to the address below **within (20) calendar days** of receipt of this letter. A City Council Resolution that approves the CAO and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer to sign the CAO on behalf of the City of Walnut Ridge must also be submitted. Subsequently, the Director of ADEQ will sign the CAO and you will be provided a copy, including information on the public notice process and the effective date of the CAO.

Failure to contact the ADEQ, Office of Water Quality, Enforcement Branch in response to this CAO **within (20) calendar days** of receipt of this letter, will constitute rejection of the settlement offer and unilateral enforcement action may proceed through a Notice of Violation (NOV). Should you wish to discuss this matter further, you may contact me at (501) 682-7399, or you may e-mail at farmers@adeq.state.ar.us.

Sincerely,



Sandra Farmer

Enforcement Analyst

Office of Water Quality, Enforcement Branch

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