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Mr. Morteza Shafii
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Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

Re: Withdrawal of Interim Objection to Preliminary Draft Permit
General Permit for Industrial Stormwater
NPDES Permit No. ARR000000

Dear Mr. Shafii:

Thank you for the electronic submittals of October 29, 2013 and November 4, 2013, responding to the concerns enumerated in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) interim objection letter of October 24, 2013. The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality's (ADEQ) response provided a revised draft general permit with fact sheet addressing the issues identified by the EPA.

We appreciate the cooperative spirit with which the ADEQ has worked to resolve the issues underlying our earlier interim objection. Based on the ADEQ's revisions of the draft general permit and fact sheet, the EPA withdraws its objection to issuance of this permit. Should you have any remaining questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (214) 665-7170. Alternatively, your staff may contact Mike Tillman at (214) 665-7531 or via email to tillman.michael@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Claudia V. Hosch
Associate Director

Water Quality Protection Division
NPDES Permits and TMDLs Branch

cc: John Bailey, Permits Branch Manager, Water Division, ADEQ