



May 14, 2008

The Honorable Lionel Johnson
Mayor, City of Hampton
P.O. Box 783
Hampton, AR 71744

RE: Sewer over flow at 534 South 7th Street

AFIN: 07-00017

NPDES Permit No.: AR0021873

Dear Mayor Johnson:

On April 21, 2008, I performed a sanitary sewer overflow inspection of the Hampton Wastewater Collection System in response to a complaint. The complaint alleged that raw sewage from the City's collection system had overflowed in the house and yard at 534 South 7th Street. This inspection was performed in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act, the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act, and the regulations promulgated thereunder. This inspection revealed the following:

1. Raw sewage from the collection system had discharged at 534 South 7th Street. According to the complainant this overflowed inside a home on April 05, 2008.

According to Section Part II, Section D, item 6, the facility is required to report any noncompliance within 24 hours "which may endanger health or the environment." According to the Enforcement Branch, no such report was received within 24 hours. These reports to the Enforcement Branch can be made by phone at the number below or by going online to the following link:

http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/water/branch_npdes/forms/sso_report.asp

The above items require your immediate attention. Please submit a written response to these findings to the Water Division Enforcement Branch of this Department at the following address:

Water Division Enforcement Branch
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317


This response should contain detailed documentation describing the course of action taken to correct the items noted. This corrective action should be completed as soon as possible, and the written response is due by June 06, 2008.

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For additional information you may contact the enforcement Branch by telephone at 501-682-0639 or by fax at 501-682-0910.

If I can be of any assistance, please contact me at 870-862-0680.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Lamb". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Lamb" clearly distinguishable.

John W. Lamb
District 8 Field Inspector
Water Division

cc: Water Division Enforcement Branch
Water Division Permits Branch


 UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
 Washington, D.C. 20460

 Form Approved
 OMB No. 2040-0003

NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

Section A: National Data System Coding

Transaction Code			NPDES										Yr/Mo/Day					Inspec. Type		Inspector		Fac. Type						
1	N	2	5	3	A	R	0	0	2	1	8	7	3	11	12	0	8	0	4	2	1	17	18	V	19	S	20	1
Remarks																												
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Inspection Work Days						Facility Evaluation Rating						BI		QA		Reserved												
67				69	70	N	71	N	72	N	73			74	75													80

Section B: Facility Data

Name and Location of Facility Inspected (For industrial users discharging to POTW, also include POTW name and NPDES permit number)

 City of Hampton Waste Water Collection System
 534 South 7th Street
 Hampton, AR

 Entry Time/Date
 14:55

 Permit Effective Date
 01 January 2004

 Exit Time/Date
 15:52

 Permit Expiration Date
 31 December 2008

 Name(s) of On-Site Representative(s)/Title(s)/Phone and Fax Number(s)
 N/A

Other Facility Data

 Name, Address of Responsible Official/Title/Phone and Fax Number
 Lionel J. Johnson, Mayor/870-798-4049
 City of Hampton
 P.O. Box 783
 Hampton, AR 71744

 Contacted
 Yes ☐ No ☒

Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection

(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated)

N	Permit	N	Flow Measurement	N	Operations & Maintenance	N	Sampling
N	Records/Reports	N	Self-Monitoring Program	N	Sludge Handling/Disposal	N	Pollution Prevention
N	Facility Site Review	N	Compliance Schedules	N	Pretreatment	N	Multimedia
N S	Effluent/Receiving Waters	N	Laboratory	N	Storm Water	U	Other: SSO

Section D: Summary of Findings/Comments (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

This inspection was performed in response to a complaint that alleged that the City of Hampton Sewer Collection System had overflowed into the home and yard located at 534 South 7th Street. The home is owned by Mr. Gilbert Watkins. On the date of the inspection, I viewed the sewer collection system located in this area. I opened two manholes and observed that the sewer in the manholes was flowing free, with no apparent obstructions. I next traveled to 534 South 7th Street. No one was present and according to Mr. Watkins, the house was not in condition to be lived in due to the raw sewage in the house. Since the house was locked, I could not verify the sewage in the house, but I did observe the service line located in the front yard. There was a small evidence of raw sewage overflow around the clean out.

I then preceded to the City Hall, to talk to the operator, Mr. Steve Daniels. Mr. Daniels was not there, so a message for him to call was left. Mr. Daniels called on the following day. He informed me that due to extremely heavy rainfall, the collection system had reached capacity due to inflow. He stated that on the date of the overflow all lines were full but flowing and that both pumps in the pump station were working to capacity. He stated that house located at 534 South 7th Street was close to lowest point on the system which resulted in the overflow. Mr. Daniels said that he was planning on reporting all the overflows in which the collection system experienced on the monthly SSO report to the ADEQ.

Name(s) and Signature(s) of Inspector(s)

John W. Lamb

 Agency/Office/Telephone/Fax
 Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
 3400 West. Hillsboro, El Dorado, AR 71730
 870-862-0680/ Fax 870-862-3509

 Date
 14 May 2008

Signature of Reviewer

Agency/Office/Phone and Fax Numbers

Date

Water Division NPDES Photographic Evidence Sheet

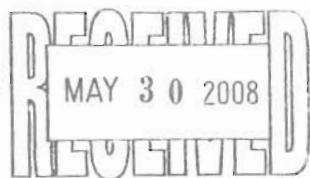
Location:	534 South 7 th Street, Hampton, Arkansas						
Photographer:	John W. Lamb			Witness:	None		
Photo #	1	Of	1	Date:	4/21/08	Time:	15:20
Description:	House sewer clean out in yard of 534 South 7 th Street, Clean out had small evidence of raw sewage solids on ground						



Photographer:	John W. Lamb			Witness:	None		
Photo #		Of		Date:		Time:	
Description:							

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RE: Sewer overflow at 534 South 7th Street, Permit #AR0021873



On April 4th 2008 the city received reports that sewer had backed up at 534 South 7th street, the home of Gilbert Watkins and Francis Wood. The city had a tremendous amount of rainfall during this time and inflow into our collection system. We checked the lift station in this area and found that it was full to its capacity and that both pumps were working properly. I noticed that one manhole on Cedar and Sumler Street was overflowing.

Mayor Johnson and myself talked to Mr. Watkins to advise him of what the problem was. The city had purchased backflow preventors for residents in this area for those who wanted them over a year ago. Mr. Watkins came to me and asked for a backflow for his service line. Mr. Watkins was given a backflow and he stated that he was going to install it. On 4/4/08 I asked Mr. Watkins if he had installed the backflow that I had given him. He stated that he didn't and that it wouldn't have worked anyway. Mr. Watkins became very belligerent to the Mayor and I. Other residences in the same area had installed the backflows and their homes were fine. I went to Mr. Watkins home and removed the clean out cap to relive any sewer from the home. I was never allowed in the residence to inspect any sewer in the home or damages that had been done.

On 4/4/08 I Called field inspector John Lamb to report the problem and a possible complaint from Mr. Watkins. I got John's voicemail.

After the rains had quit I again inspected the lift station in that area and the manholes. At 2:00pm on the 4th all manholes and the lift station were working properly and sewer was flowing normally.

A couple weeks later Mr. Watkins had called the state plumbing inspector to complain about what happened. I met with the plumbing inspector and advised him of the problem. We met Mr. Watkins at his home on 7th street. The plumbing inspector looked at his service line and advised him that it looked to have adequate fall and that he needed to install a backflow preventor and that should fix his problem even if the city's system was full. I advised the inspector at that time that Mr. Watkins was given a backflow by the city and that he didn't install it. I advised him if I had known that he wasn't going to

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install it that I would have. I also agreed to install a backflow for Mr. Watkins again, and I did install it a few days later. Mr. Watkins again became belligerent and I left.

The overflow of the manhole and Cedar and Sumler street was reported on the monthly SSO report, but wasn't reported within 24 hours to ADEQ as a endanger to health or the environment. I was unaware of having to report this within 24 hours. The city will report any incidents of this type in the future within the 24 hours.

This was reported to the city's engineer. We are planning a smoke test of our collection system in this area to try and determine where the infiltration problems are and fix them. A backflow was installed by the city for Mr. Watkins and this should prevent any future problems at his home on 7th street, until we are able to locate and fix the possible infiltration to our system.

Sincerely,


 5/27/08

Mayor, Lionel Johnson
Safety Service Director, Steve Daniell