

# ADEQ

ARKANSAS  
Department of Environmental Quality

June 30, 2011

Gary Baxter, Mayor  
City of Mulberry  
P.O. Box 448  
Mulberry, AR 72947

AFIN: 17-00061

NPDES Permit No.: AR0034932

Dear Mayor Baxter:

On June 8, 2011, I performed a reconnaissance inspection of the collection system in response to a complaint. The complainant alleges that raw sewage had overflowed a manhole located behind 931 North Main and sewage was evident on the ground. This inspection was conducted 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:

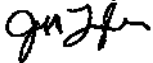
**A sanitary sewer overflow had occurred behind the residence of 931 North Main Street in Mulberry. At time of the inspection, raw sewage was observed on the ground adjacent to the manhole and in the location of two cleanouts. City officials confirmed that an overflow had occurred due to an apparent grease build up in the sewer line.**

**As a reminder, Part III.4 of the permit requires that all overflows which endanger the health or the environment shall be reported to the Department within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstance.**

Please submit a written response to this finding to the Water Division Enforcement Branch at the address below. Your response should contain detailed documentation, including photographs, describing the course of action taken to clean the impacted area and a plan of action to prevent any future overflows at this location. This corrective action should be completed as soon as possible, and the written response is due by July 10, 2011.

If I can be of any assistance, please contact me at 479-424-0325.

Sincerely,



Jeff Tyler  
District 4 Field Inspector  
Water Division

cc: Water Division Enforcement Branch  
Water Division Permits Branch

 <p style="text-align: center;">UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Washington, D.C. 20460</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">NPDES Compliance Inspection Report</h2>	Form Approved OMB No. 2040-0003
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
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Inspection Work Days						Facility Evaluation Rating				BI		QA		-----Reserved-----															
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Section B: Facility Data					
Name and Location of Facility Inspected ( <i>For industrial users discharging to POTW, also include POTW name and NPDES permit number</i> ) <b>City of Mulberry POTW</b> <b>South Main Street</b> <b>Mulberry, AR 72947</b>	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:50%;">Entry Time/Date <b>0945 June 08, 2011</b></td> <td style="width:50%;">Permit Effective Date <b>December 1, 2007</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Exit Time/Date <b>1120 / June 08, 2011</b></td> <td>Permit Expiration Date <b>November 30, 2012</b></td> </tr> </table>	Entry Time/Date <b>0945 June 08, 2011</b>	Permit Effective Date <b>December 1, 2007</b>	Exit Time/Date <b>1120 / June 08, 2011</b>	Permit Expiration Date <b>November 30, 2012</b>
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Name(s) of On-Site Representative(s)/Title(s)/Phone and Fax Number(s) <b>Jim Julian / Public Works Director / 479-997-1321 / fax/ 479-997-1232 / cell / 479-430-8928</b> <b>Jason Brewer / Operator / 479-997-1321</b>	Other Facility Data  <b>Site coordinates: N 35 30'32.4" W 94 03'06.1"</b>				
Name, Address of Responsible Official/Title/Phone and Fax Number <b>Gary Baxter / Mayor / 479-997-1321 / fax / 479-997-1232</b> <b>P.O. Box 448</b> <b>Mulberry, AR 72947</b>	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Contacted</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Yes <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;">No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	Contacted		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection							
(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated)							
S	Permit	N	Flow Measurement	N	Operations & Maintenance	U	Sanitary Sewer Overflow
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	Effluent/Receiving Waters	N	Laboratory	N	Storm Water	N	Construction:

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

**Reconnaissance inspection performed in response to a complaint. The complainant alleges that sewage had overflowed from a manhole located behind 931 North Main Street and was evident on the ground. I met with city officials at the site to discuss the overflow. Mr. Jim Julian confirmed that an overflow did occur due to an apparent grease build up in the sewer line. I observed evidence of sewage on the ground adjacent to the manhole and in the vicinity of two cleanouts. Clean up efforts of the impacted areas were to begin immediately. Contact was made with the owner of the Mulberry Lodge in regards to pumping the grease trap. I advised Mr. Julian that the overflow must be reported to the Department within 24 hours and it should also be included on the monthly SSO report.**

Name(s) and Signature(s) of Inspector(s) <b>Jeff Tyler</b> 	Agency/Office/Telephone/Fax <b>AR Dept. of Environmental Quality/ 479-424-0325 / fax / 479-424-0330</b>	Date <b>June 15, 2011</b>
Signature of Reviewer	Agency/Office/Phone and Fax Numbers	Date

**Water Division NPDES Photographic Evidence Sheet**

**Location:** 931 North Main Street in Mulberry

**Photographer:** Jeff Tyler      **Witness:** None

**Photo #** 1    **Of** 4      **Date:** 06-08-11    **Time:** 1013

**Description:** Manhole located behind the 900 block of North Main which had overflowed.



**Photographer:** Jeff Tyler      **Witness:** None

**Photo #** 2    **Of** 4      **Date:** 06-08-11    **Time:** 1013

**Description:** Standing sewage and water located adjacent to the manhole.





<b>Water Division NPDES Photographic Evidence Sheet</b>							
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<b>Location:</b>	900 block of North Main Street in Mulberry						
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<b>Photographer:</b>	Jeff Tyler			<b>Witness:</b>	None		
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<b>Description:</b>	Sewage overflow from clean-out located at the residence adjacent to 931 N. Main Street.						
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<b>Photographer:</b>	Jeff Tyler			<b>Witness:</b>	None		
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<b>Description:</b>	Sewage overflow located behind 931 N. Main Street, apparent line from Mulberry Lodge.						
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Gary D. Baxter  
Mayor — City of Mulberry

July 5, 2011



Mr. Jeff Tyler  
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality  
Water Division Enforcement  
P.O. Box 8913  
Little Rock, AR 72219-8913

REF: June 9, 2011 Reconnaissance Inspection.

Dear Mr. Tyler,

On June 9, 2011 we experienced a sanitary sewer over flow. As the report states, this was caused by a build up of grease in the city maintained sewer lines. This build up was caused by one of the customers on the line, who were not adequately maintaining their grease trap and allowing this grease to run into city lines. Also, this customer and another, both had damage to their clean-out lids, which allowed over flow to occur. The City of Mulberry took the following actions.

1. A 24 hrs Sanitary Sewer Overflow Report was submitted before the end of the day via the ADEQ website.
2. Truman's Septic Service was contracted to vacuum up all of the contaminated area.
3. After all contamination was removed, lime was spread on the affected area.
4. The customer has been put on notice to maintain their grease trap.
5. Both customers with damaged clean-outs have repaired their lids.
6. This line has also been placed on a continued maintenance schedule to be kept clear and monitored for future problems.

The City of Mulberry will continue to monitor this site and provide maintenance as needed to prevent such an occurrence from happening again in the future. We will attach pictures of the site and documentation of actions taken.

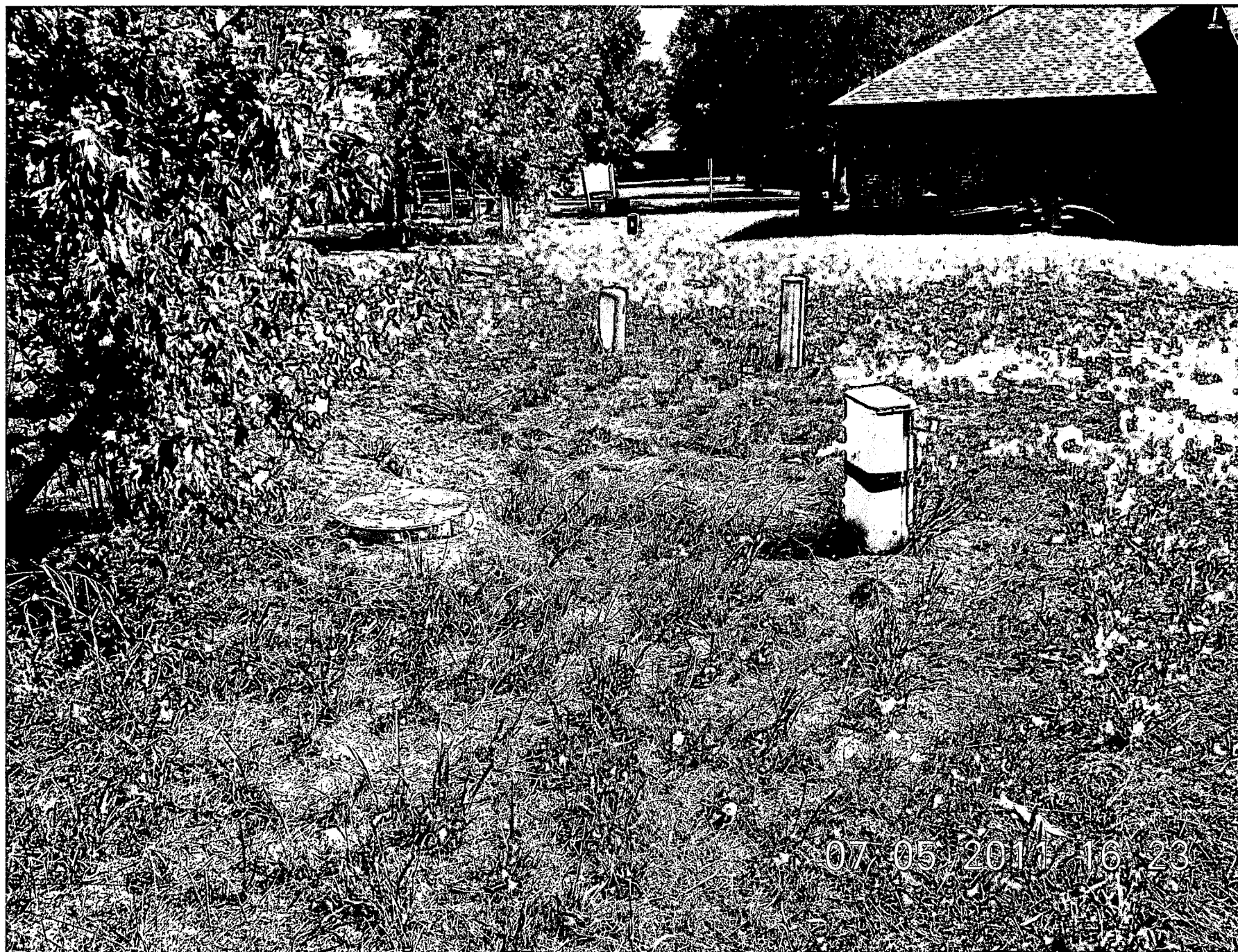
Please feel free to call if there are any questions.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary D. Baxter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "G" and "B".

Gary D. Baxter  
Mayor

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207 North Main Street  
Mulberry, Arkansas 72947  
Phone: (479) 997-1321  
FAX: (479) 997-1232

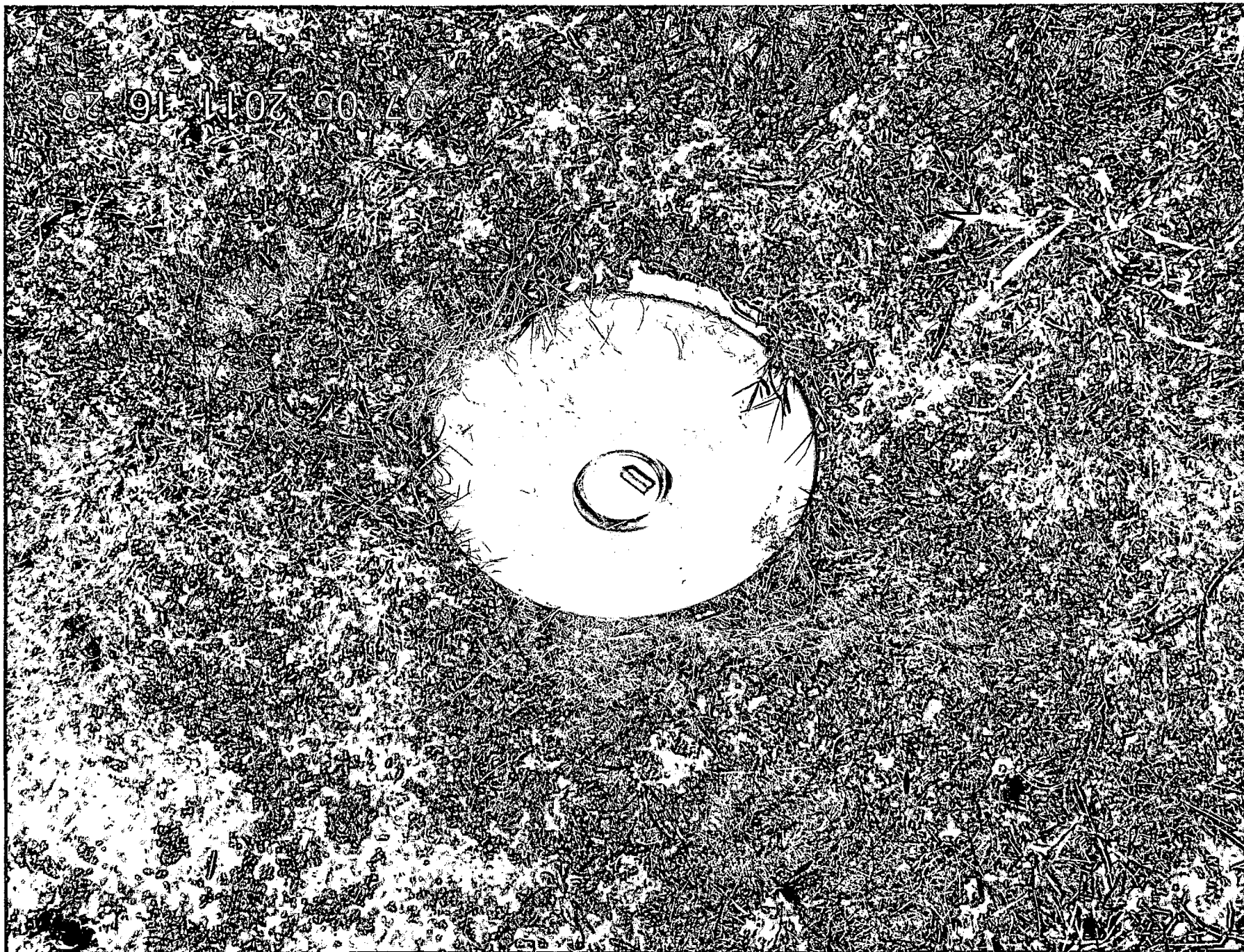


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No 4771

### TRUMAN'S SEPTIC TANK SERVICE

7600 Holly Avenue  
FORT SMITH, AR 72908-7740  
(479) 646-6627

Purchase Order No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date 6-9-11

Name City of Mulberry

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mulberry, Ark Sewer Dept

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

QUAN	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT
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	<u>vacuum Pooled</u>		
	<u>water + Absorb from</u>		
	<u>Surface to Allow</u>		
	<u>Drying</u>		<u>187.50</u>
	<u>Large Green In</u>		
	<u>sewer line</u>		
	<u>Jason Brown</u>		
	<u>J. Julian</u>		
	<u>11:30 AM - 1:00 pm</u>		
	<u>@ 125<sup>00</sup> per hr</u>		

All claims and returned goods MUST be accompanied by this bill.

Received By \_\_\_\_\_

TAX	
TOTAL	<u>187.50</u>

*Thanks You*

No 4776

**TRUMAN'S SEPTIC TANK SERVICE**

7600 Holly Avenue  
FORT SMITH, AR 72908-7740  
(479) 646-6627

Purchase Order No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date 6-12-11

Name City of Mulberry

Address Mulberry, AR

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

QUAN.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT
	<u>ump sudge spill</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>	
	<u>at 931 Hwy 215</u>		
	<u>Mulberry, AR</u>		
	<u>1 hr @ 150.00</u>		
	<u>Sunday Rate</u>		
	<u>Sunday</u>		
	<u>J Julian</u>		
All claims and returned goods MUST be accompanied by this bill.		TAX	
Received By		TOTAL	<u>150.00</u>

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No 4770

**TRUMAN'S SEPTIC TANK SERVICE**

7600 Holly Avenue  
FORT SMITH, AR 72908-7740  
(479) 646-6627

Purchase Order No. Charge Date 6-8-11

Name City of Mulberry

Address Mulberry, Ark (Sewer Dept)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

QUAN.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT
	<u>Vacuum Water +</u>		
	<u>Lowest Farm Back yard</u>		
	<u>+ Ditch; Vacuum Sewer Waste</u>		
	<u>From yards near line clear out</u>		
	<u>Lodge House In</u>		
	<u>Sewer Line</u>		
	<u>12:30 pm - 5:30 pm</u>		
	<u>5 hrs @ 125.00</u>		<u>125.00</u>
All claims and returned goods MUST be accompanied by this bill.		TAX	
Received By <u>J Julian</u>		TOTAL	<u>125.00</u>

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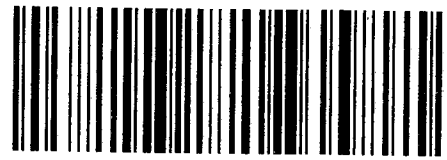
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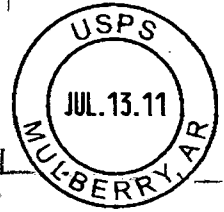
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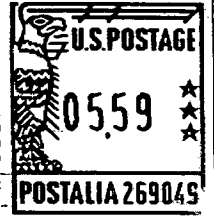
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