



ARKANSAS  
Department of Environmental Quality

March 3, 2014

David York- Superintendent  
City of Morrilton  
PO Box 438  
Morrilton, AR 72110

**RE: Reconnaissance Inspection (Conway Co)**  
**AFIN: 15-00034**

**Permit No.: 3509-WR-5**

Dear Mr. York:

On February 18, 2014, I performed a partial inspection of the waste collection system in accordance with the provisions of the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder. The inspection was conducted in response to your reporting of a discharge of sewage from a pressure vent. This inspection revealed the following violation:

A sewer spill (discharge) occurred at a pressure vent. **This is a violation of Part II.10 of the permit.** The spill had been repaired prior to the inspection. The facility should submit a spill report to the Enforcement Branch per Part III.13 of the permit. Submittal of the spill report satisfies a response to this inspection.

The above item requires your immediate attention. Please submit a written response to these findings to the Water Division Inspection Branch of this Department. This response should be mailed to the address at the bottom of the first page of the letter or e-mailed to [Water-Inspection-report@adeq.state.ar.us](mailto:Water-Inspection-report@adeq.state.ar.us) This response should contain all documentation required in Part III.13 of the permit. **The spill report is due within 5 days of spill occurrence.**

If I can be of any assistance, please contact me at [harmont@adeq.state.ar.us](mailto:harmont@adeq.state.ar.us) or 479-968-7339 extension 14.

Sincerely,

Travis Harmon  
District 5 Field Inspector  
Water Division

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**NO DISCHARGE INDUSTRIAL PERMIT INSPECTION FORM**

AFIN: 15-00034 Log No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit No.: 3509-WR-4 Inspection Date: 2/18/14

Media: Water Inspector: Travis Harmon

Compliance Status:  IN /  OUT

1A. Name of Facility: City of Morrilton  
Address: PO Box 438, Morrilton, AR 72110  
County: Conway

2A. Name of On-Site Representative: David York, Superintendent

3A. Name of Responsible Official: David York, Superintendent  
Address: PO Box 438, Morrilton, AR 72110 Telephone: 501-354-3484/ 501-977-1044

4A. Parent Company: NA  
Address: NA Telephone: NA

5A. Description of Process (including type of industry, materials produced, and major by-products): Collection and treatment of municipal sewage wastewater with land application instead of discharge.

6A. Any complaints registered against this permitted facility?  Yes  No  
If yes, give date and description of complaint: 5/19/2008 (3509-WR-3); alleged overflow and odors.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS/COMMENTS

I received a call from David York (Operator) reporting a discharge from a pressure vent on private property near the Arkansas River. Mr. York reported the property owner was concerned that the release may have reached his pond and could be discharged to the Arkansas River. I told Mr. York I would meet him at the site.

I met Mr. York at the City office and he escorted me to the site. At this time, the discharge had been repaired. There was also an on-going (drinking) water line leak on the same property at the time of inspection. Mr. York provided photos of the discharge site he had taken prior to repair. The property owner showed me video footage of the sewer discharge he had captured on his cell phone prior to the repair.

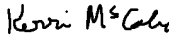
I walked from the discharge site down to the pond. Please see the photographs for location and site layout. The discharge site is located on a hill and there is a low spot (draw) located at the base of the hill. The sewer discharge had previously flowed due south with odor detected approximately half-way to the pond. At the time of inspection, I could only see sludge deposits down-hill immediately next to the pressure vent. In addition, the drinking water leak was flowing from the north and east towards the pond.

The property owner seemed concerned with a potential discharge to the Arkansas River. I explained that I did not see any visible evidence of sewage in the pond and could not detect any sewer odor in the pond. I also explained that due to the presence of sewer odor in the draw upstream of the pond, there was likely some sewer liquid which had seeped into the soil. This would remediate naturally (similar to a septic system) as long as the source of the discharge was stopped. I advised that he notify if he notices any future discharge form the pressure vent.

I instructed the Operator, Mr. York, to submit a report detailing the discharge and repair. The report should be submitted in accordance with Part III.13 of the permit.

PDS# 076355

Inspector Signature:	 Travis Harmon	Date of Report:	February 19, 2014
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Signature of Reviewer:	 Kerri McCabe	Date of Review:	February 28, 2014
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<b>Water Division No Discharge Industrial Photographic Evidence Sheet</b>
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<b>Location:</b>	Sewer discharge on private land (35.143791, -92.750175), Morrilton.
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<b>Photographer:</b>	Travis Harmon	<b>Witness:</b>	David York
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<b>Photo #</b>	1	<b>Of</b>	8	<b>Date:</b>	2/18/14	<b>Time:</b>	1441
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<b>Description:</b>	View of pressure vent where sewer discharge occurred. Repair made prior to inspection.
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<b>Photographer:</b>	Travis Harmon	<b>Witness:</b>	David York
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<b>Photo #</b>	2	<b>Of</b>	8	<b>Date:</b>	2/18/14	<b>Time:</b>	1441
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<b>Description:</b>	View down-hill from pressure vent. I could detect sewer odor in the low spot extending left of the shooting target visible next to cedar. I did not see any visible solids/sludge in this area. Sludge is visible immediately next to the pressure vent. Arrow represents approximate extent of area with sewer odor.
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<b>Description:</b>	View up-hill towards pressure vent.						
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<b>Description:</b>	View of accumulated puddle down-hill from pressure vent.						
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<b>Photo #</b>	5	<b>Of</b>	8	<b>Date:</b>	2/18/14	<b>Time:</b>	1453
<b>Description:</b>	View drinking water discharge due to broken line. Flowing form east of the affected sewer discharge area. Algal growth indicates flow over a period of time.						
							
<b>Photographer:</b>	Travis Harmon			<b>Witness:</b>	David York		
<b>Photo #</b>	6	<b>Of</b>	8	<b>Date:</b>	2/18/14	<b>Time:</b>	1455
<b>Description:</b>	Looking east and upstream towards source of drinking water discharge.						
							

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**Location:** Sewer discharge on private land (35.143791, -92.750175), Morrilton.

**Photographer:** Travis Harmon      **Witness:** David York

**Photo #** 7    **Of** 8      **Date:** 2/18/14    **Time:** 1516

**Description:** Overview of low spot (affected area). Circle shows the approximate location down-hill from pressure vent where sewer odor was noticeable. I suspect that some sewer liquid has seeped into the soil in this area. Arrow shows the location and direction of flow form the broken drinking water line.



**Photographer:** Travis Harmon      **Witness:** None

**Photo #** 8    **Of** 8      **Date:** 2/19/14    **Time:** 0926

**Description:** Photo taken by Operator showing location of pond and affected area. Circle shows the location of the pond. Arrow shows location and direction of drinking water flow. Black line shows area where sewer odor was present.



Google Earth Image showing area and locations (yellow line shows approximated flow pattern of sewer spill and extent of noticeable odor; blue line shows flow path of drinking water leak).



An additional 7 pages of photos taken by David York (operator) are attached. Hard copies were provided to me at the time of inspection. Note: the displayed date on these photos is incorrect.





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February 20, 2014

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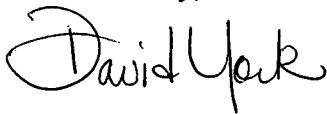
RE: Sewer Leak I-40 East

Dear Mr. Harmon:

The Morrilton Wastewater Department has corrected the sewer leak east of I-40. It appears that the leak was caused by contractors hitting the line while they were working in the area. The contractor tried to repair the line, but did not repair it correctly, causing it to leak again. The Morrilton Wastewater Department repaired the line and the problem is corrected.

Thanks for your cooperation in this manner.

Sincerely,



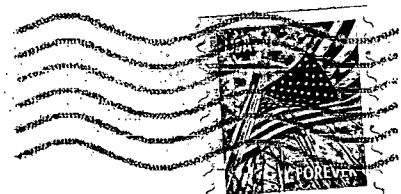
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Morrilton Wastewater Superintendent



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