



ARKANSAS
Department of Environmental Quality

October 29, 2008

Tracy Robinson, Superintendent
Corning Waste Water Treatment Plant
P.O. Box 538
Corning, AR 72422

RE: SSO Inspection

AFIN: 11-00061

NPDES Permit No.: AR0033979

Dear Mr. Robinson:

On July 30, 2008, I performed a sanitary sewer overflow inspection 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 was conducted in response to a complaint alleging repeated overflows in the vicinity of West Elm and West 9th Streets, this inspection revealed the following violations:

- 1. The facility has not been reporting Sanitary Sewer Overflows; this violates Part III Item 6 of the permit. The permittee shall report all overflows with the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) submittal. These reports shall be summarized and reported in tabular format. The summaries shall include: the date, time, duration, location, estimated volume, and cause of overflow; observed environmental impacts from the overflow; action taken to address the overflow; and ultimate discharge location if not contained (e.g., storm sewer system, ditch, tributary). All overflows which endanger health or the environment shall be orally reported to this department (Enforcement Section of the Water Division), within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstance. A written report of overflows which endanger health or the environment shall be provided within 5 days of the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstance.**
- 2. The pump station at the corner of West Elm and West 9th Streets regularly loses prime and must be re-primed on a regular basis. At the time of the inspection, the floats had been set to make the pump "short cycle" to reduce the likelihood of losing prime, however this was not 100% effective nor is it a permanent solution to the problem.**

«Cognizant_Official», «Facility_Name»

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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 November 20, 2008.

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 walker@adeq.state.ar.us or 870-935-7221 ext.-12.

Sincerely,



Brent L. Walker
District 3 Field Inspector
Water Division

cc: Water Division Enforcement Branch
Water Division Permits Branch



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

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	3	3	9	7	9	11	12	0	8	0	7	3	0	17	18	V	19	S	20	1
Remarks																												
Inspection Work Days						Facility Evaluation Rating						BI		QA		-----Reserved-----												
67						70						N		N		71 72 73 74 75 80												

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>) Corning Waste Water Treatment Plant Southwest of City Center CR 128 Corning, AR Clay Co.		Entry Time/Date 1000 7/30/2008		Permit Effective Date 10/1/2003	
		Exit Time/Date 1200 7/30/2008		Permit Expiration Date 9/30/2008	
Name(s) of On-Site Representative(s)/Title(s)/Phone and Fax Number(s) Tracy Robinson/Superintendent/870-857-6716				Other Facility Data 36.410306 -90.591105	
Name, Address of Responsible Official/Title/Phone and Fax Number Tracy Robinson/Superintendent/870-857-6716 Corning Waste Water Treatment Plant P.O. Box 538 Corning, AR 72422					
Contacted Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>					

Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection

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

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

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

he following violations were noted:

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Name(s) and Signature(s) of Inspector(s) Brent L. Walker <i>Brent L. Walker</i>	Agency/Office/Telephone/Fax AR Dept. of Environmental Quality-Jonesboro (870) 935-7221 ext. 12/(870) 935-4715 (Fax)	Date October 29, 2008
Signature of Reviewer	Agency/Office/Phone and Fax Numbers	Date

PUMP STATION VISIT (COMPLETE A SEPARATE CHECKLIST FOR EACH PUMP STATION VISITED)	
GENERAL INFORMATION AND OVERALL EVALUATION	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA
NAME AND/OR LOCATION OF PUMP STATION: <u>West Elm and West 9th Streets</u>	
TYPE(S) OF WASTE WATER RECEIVED: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RESIDENTIAL <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:	
NUMBER OF PUMPS: <u>2</u>	NUMBER OPERATIONAL: <u>2</u>
NUMBER AND SIZE OF PUMPS APPEARS ADEQUATE:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NE
EVIDENCE OF RECENT OVERFLOWS OR HIGH LEVELS:	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NE
GENERAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
CLEAN AND WELL MAINTAINED WITH MINIMAL STORAGE OF UNRELATED EQUIPMENT:	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NE
GATES/DOORS/HATCHES/LIDS/ETC. LOCKED TO PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS AND/OR TAMPERING:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NE
WET WELLS, SUMPS AND PITS ADEQUATELY COVERED, GRATED OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED:	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NE
ELECTRICAL CONTROLS COVERS CONDUIT AND EQUIPMENT PROPERLY INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NE
GUARDS AND SHIELDS IN PLACE AROUND MOVING EQUIPMENT (BELTS, PULLEYS, DRIVESHAFTS, ETC.) :	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NE
ADEQUATE VENTILATION TO PREVENT EXCESSIVE CONDENSATION AND/OR GASES AND FUMES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NE
ADEQUATE LIGHTING FOR ROUTINE INSPECTION/MAINTENANCE:	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NE
SEALS, VALVES AND PACKING ADEQUATELY MAINTAINED TO PREVENT LEAKS:	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NE
MINIMAL ACCUMULATION OF GREASE AND SOLIDS IN WET WELLS:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NE
BACKUP POWER AND ALARMS	
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
PROVISIONS FOR GENERATOR AND/OR EMERGENCY TRANSFER PUMP:	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NE
AUDIBLE/VISUAL ALARM WITH EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION POSTED:	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NE
SCADA SYSTEM (LIST PARAMETERS MONITORED):	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> NE

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February 9, 2009

Tracy Robinson
Corning Waste Water Treatment Plant
P.O. Box 538
Corning, AR 72422

RE: NPDES Permit: AR0033979, AFIN: 11-00061
Compliance Inspection, **No Response Received**

Dear Mr. Robinson:

On **October 29, 2008**, we sent a letter (copy enclosed) with the findings from a compliant inspection of your *facility*. A reply was requested by **November 20, 2008**, but as of today we have not received a response.

*If you have already replied, please send a copy of your letter so we may update our files. If you have not answered our letter, please do so by **February 25, 2009**.*

A continued lack of cooperation in this matter could subject you to formal enforcement action. Such action could include but would not be limited to monetary civil penalties.

ADEQ will consider the inspection and your response as required by Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Regulation No. 7, Civil Penalties. This regulation requires ADEQ to consider the past compliance history of your company and how expeditiously the violations were addressed, in determining any civil penalty that may be necessary

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (501)682-0667 or e-mail: blaket@adeq.state.ar.us.

Sincerely,



Tracey Blake
Enforcement Administrator
Water Division

Enclosure