

February 4, 2009

John Rimmer, General Manager City of West Memphis WWTP P.O. Box 1868 West Memphis, AR 72303

RE: West Memphis Waste Water Treatment Plant Inspection

AFIN: 18-00109 NPDES Permit No.: AR0022039

Dear Mr. Rimmer:

On December 22, 2008, I performed a routine compliance inspection of the waste water treatment facility 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 violations:

- 1. The incorrect dilution series was used for the August & November 2008 (3rd & 4th Quarter) biomonitoring. The new permit became effective August 1, 2008 and requires a different dilution series than the previous permit.
- 2. The clarifiers were short circuiting at the time of the inspection, with a large amount of floating scum and rags/plastics on weir; this violates Part III Section B:1.a. of the permit. The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of backup or auxiliary facilities or similar systems which are installed by a permittee only when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.

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 «Cognizant\_Official», «Facility\_Name» February 4, 2009 Page 2

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 February 26, 2009.

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,

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Brent L. Walker District 3 Field Inspector Water Division

cc: Water Division Enforcement Branch Water Division Permits Branch

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	Section A: National Data System Coding										
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Rob	e(s) of On-Site Representative(s)/T ert Johnson/Wastewater Operator Holloway/Superintendent		Phone and Fax Num/ Patricia Dixon/					Oth	her Facility Data		
Johr City P.O.	e, Address of Responsible Official/ n Rimmer/General Manager/870-7 of West Memphis WWTP Box 1868 t Memphis, AR 72303			ber			Contacted Yes No 🗹				
							uring Inspection sfactory, N = Not Evaluated)				
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S	Records/Reports	М	Self-Monitoring F	Program	Ν	Slu	dge Handling/Disposal	М	M Pollution Prevention		
М	Facility Site Review	Ν	Compliance Sche	dules	Ν	Pre	etreatment	N Multimedia			
S	Effluent/Receiving Waters	U	Laboratory		S	Sto	rm Water	Ν	N Other:		
		Se	ction D: Summary	of Findings/Com	iments	(Att	ach additional sheets if necessar	y)			
The	<ol> <li>The following violations were noted:         <ol> <li>The incorrect dilution series was used for the August &amp; November 2008 (3rd &amp; 4th Quarter) biomonitoring. The new permit became effective August 1, 2008 and requires a different dilution series than the previous permit.</li> <li>The clarifiers were short circuiting at the time of the inspection, with a large amount of floating scum and rags/plastics on weir; this violates Part III Section B:1.a. of the permit. The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of backup or auxiliary facilities or similar systems which are installed by a permittee only when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.</li> </ol></li></ol>										
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Sign	Signature of Reviewer     Agency/Office/Phone and Fax Numbers     Date										

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SECTION A: PERMIT VERIFICATION PERMIT SATISFACTORILY ADDRESSES OBSERVATIONS	
DETAILS:	
1. CORRECT NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF PERMITTEE:	
2. NOTIFICATION GIVEN TO EPA/STATE OF NEW DIFFERENT OR INCREASED DISCHARGES:	
3. NUMBER AND LOCATION OF DISCHARGE POINTS AS DESCRIBED IN PERMIT:	
4. ALL DISCHARGES ARE PERMITTED:	
AFATION D. READED//FEDING AND REPORTING EVALUATION	
SECTION B: RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING EVALUATION	
RECORDS AND REPORTS MAINTAINED AS REQUIRED BY PERMIT	
DETAILS:	
1. ANALYTICAL RESULTS CONSISTENT WITH DATA REPORTED ON DMRS:	
2. SAMPLING AND ANALYSES DATA ADEQUATE AND INCLUDE:	
a. DATES AND TIME(S) OF SAMPLING:	
b. EXACT LOCATION(S) OF SAMPLING:	
c. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL PERFORMING SAMPLING:	
d. ANALYTICAL METHODS AND TECHNIQUES:	
e. RESULTS OF CALIBRATIONS:	
f. RESULTS OF ANALYSES:	
g. DATES AND TIMES OF ANALYSES:	
h. NAME OF PERSON(S) PERFORMING ANALYSES:	
3. LABORATORY EQUIPMENT CALIBRATION AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS ADEQUATE:	Øs 🗆m 🗇u 🗇na 🗇ne
4. PLANT RECORDS INCLUDE SCHEDULES, DATES OF EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR:	
5. EFFLUENT LOADINGS CALCULATED USING DAILY EFFLUENT FLOW AND DAILY ANALYTICAL DATA:	
SECTION C: OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	
TREATMENT FACILITY PROPERLY OPERATED AND MAINTAINED	
DETAILS:	
1. TREATMENT UNITS PROPERLY OPERATED: Clarifiers were short circuiting.	
2. TREATMENT UNITS PROPERLY MAINTAINED: Very Minor leak from screw pump at EQ Basin	
3. STANDBY POWER OR OTHER EQUIVALENT PROVIDED:	
4. ADEQUATE ALARM SYSTEM FOR POWER OR EQUIPMENT FAILURES AVAILABLE:	
<ol> <li>ALL NEEDED TREATMENT UNITS IN SERVICE: <u>1 Oxidation ditch out of service due to mixer failure (2 ditches in service) 1 B</u> screen out of service;</li> </ol>	
6. ADEQUATE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED OPERATORS PROVIDED:	
7. SPARE PARTS AND SUPPLIES INVENTORY MAINTAINED:	
8. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL AVAILABLE:	
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SECTION D: SAMPLING	
PERMITTEE SAMPLING MEETS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS	
DETAILS:	
1. SAMPLES TAKEN AT SITE(S) SPECIFIED IN PERMIT:	Øy 🛛 n 🖓 na 🖓 ne
2. LOCATIONS ADEQUATE FOR REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLES:	
3. FLOW PROPORTIONED SAMPLES OBTAINED WHEN REQUIRED BY PERMIT:	
4. SAMPLING AND ANALYSES COMPLETED ON PARAMETERS SPECIFIED IN PERMIT:	
5. SAMPLING AND ANALYSES PERFORMED AT FREQUENCY SPECIFIED IN PERMIT:	
6. SAMPLE COLLECTION PROCEDURES ADEQUATE:	
a. SAMPLES REFRIGERATED DURING COMPOSITING:	
b. PROPER PRESERVATION TECHNIQUES USED:	
c. CONTAINERS AND SAMPLE HOLDING TIMES CONFORM TO 40 CFR 136:	
7. IF MONITORING IS PERFORMED MORE OFTEN THAN REQUIRED ARE RESULTS REPORTED ON THE DMR:	
SECTION E: FLOW MEASUREMENT	
PERMITTEE FLOW MEASUREMENT MEETS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS	
DETAILS: Partial pipe flow meter with no primary device for calibration checks	
1. PRIMARY FLOW MEASUREMENT DEVICE PROPERLY INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED: TYPE OF DEVICE:	
2. FLOW MEASURED AT EACH OUTFALL AS REQUIRED:	
3. SECONDARY INSTRUMENTS (TOTALIZERS, RECORDERS, ETC.) PROPERLY OPERATED AND MAINTAINED:	
4. CALIBRATION FREQUENCY ADEQUATE: <u>August 2008</u>	
5. RECORDS MAINTAINED OF CALIBRATION PROCEDURES:	
6. CALIBRATION CHECKS DONE TO ASSURE CONTINUED COMPLIANCE:	
7. FLOW ENTERING DEVICE WELL DISTRIBUTED ACROSS THE CHANNEL AND FREE OF TURBULENCE:	
8. FLOW MEASUREMENT EQUIPMENT ADEQUATE TO HANDLE EXPECTED RANGE OF FLOW RATES:	
9. HEAD MEASURED AT PROPER LOCATION:	
SECTION F: LABORATORY	
PERMITTEE LABORATORY PROCEDURES MEET PERMIT REQUIREMENTS	□S □M ☑U □NA □NE
DETAILS:	
1. EPA APPROVED ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES USED (40 CFR 136.3 FOR LIQUIDS, 503.8(B) FOR SLUDGES) :	
2. IF ALTERNATIVE ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES ARE USED, PROPER APPROVAL HAS BEEN OBTAINED:	DY DN ØNA DNE
3. SATISFACTORY CALIBRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT:	
<ol> <li>QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES ADEQUATE: <u>Facility has implemented a formal QA/QC program and generates Con</u> <u>Monthly - Duplicates appear to be very consistent</u></li> </ol>	<u>trol Charts</u> ØY □N □NA □NE
5. DUPLICATE SAMPLES ARE ANALYZED ≥10% OF THE TIME:	
6. SPIKED SAMPLES ARE ANALYZED ≥10% OF THE TIME:	
7. COMMERCIAL LABORATORY USED:	
a. LAB NAME: <u>ETC</u>	
b. LAB ADDRESS: <u>Memphis, TN</u>	
c. PARAMETERS PERFORMED: FCB, Acute Biomonitoring	
8. BIOMONITORING PROCEDURES ADEQUATE:	
a. PROPER ORGANISMS USED:	
b. PROPER DILUTION SERIES FOLLOWED: Used old dilution series for August & November 2008 (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter) New p	
became effective August 1, 2008. c. PROPER TEST METHODS AND DURATION:	
d. RETESTS AND/OR TRE PERFORMED AS REQUIRED:	

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SECTION	G: EFFLUE	NT/RECEIVIN	IG WATERS	OBSERVATIO	ONS								
BASED ON VISUAL OBSERVATIONS ONLY													
DETAILS:	Observation ma	ade in wet well	prior to pumpir	ng into force ma	ain over levee to l	Mississippi Riv	/er.						
OUTFALL #:	OIL SHEEN	GREASE	TURBIDITY	VISIBLE FOAM	FLOATING SOLIDS	COLOR	OTHER						
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	SECTION H: SLUDGE DISPOSAL												
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DETAILS:	Sludge goes to	landfill											
1. SLUDGE M	IANAGEMENT ADEQU	ATE TO MAINTAIN EF	FLUENT QUALITY:				i 🗆 u 🗹na 🗆ne						
2. SLUDGE R	ECORDS MAINTAINED	DAS REQUIRED BY 40	0 CFR 503:				i 🗆 u 🗹na 🗆ne						
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4. FLOW PRO	OPORTIONED SAMPLE	S OBTAINED:											
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	1. INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED AS REQUIRED:         Image: Margin and												

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DMR Calculation Check										
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Calculated Value: 29		295	295		8.3		13.5			
Permit Value:		1576.3			30.0		45.	0		

If calculated value does not equal reported value, explain: <u>Equal</u>

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From – Paul Holloway Date – 2/17/2009 Subject – State Inspection on 12/22/2008 To – Water Division Enforcement Branch

This is my written response to the state inspection on 12/22/2008 at the West Memphis Wastewater Plant.

- Our contracted lab was notified of the different dilutions on our biomonitering on November 15,2008. The fourth quarter samples were pulled on November 5, 2008. A copy of our new permit was given to our contracted lab on 11/15/2008 and the problem was corrected on the dilutions. I did not discover this change in the permit until November 15 2008.
- (2) Short-circuiting of our clarifiers are caused by running higher than normal flows through the plant when I am pulling down my retention pond. This does not cause a problem with effluent TSS or effluent BOD. Plant treatment is well within our plant permit. The bar screen is being repaired and will be put back in service on 2/19/2009. This will help with the trash getting by our only operating bar screen. Also a weekly weir-cleaning program will be put into place to keep the weirs clean.

Wastewater Superintendent



March 23, 2009

John Rimmer West Memphis, City of Wastewater Treatment Plant P.O. Box 1868, 604 East Cooper West Memphis, AR 72301

## RE: NPDES Permit AR0022039, AFIN 18-00109 Response to Inspection

Dear Mr. Rimmer:

ADEQ has received your response to the December 22, 2008 routine compliance inspection and Sanitary Sewer Overflow Inspection of your facility by our District Field Inspector, Brent Walker. Your letter appears to adequately address the discrepancies identified during the visit.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If we need further information, we will contact you. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me by phone at 501-682-0632 or e-mail at <u>robertsa@adeq.state.ar.us</u>. In any written correspondence to this Department, please refer to NPDES Permit AR0022039 and AFIN 18-00109.

Sincerely,

Anne Roberts Enforcement Administrator Enforcement Branch Water Division