







ARKANSAS  
Department of Environmental Quality

June 4, 2009

Mary Timmons, Water Utilities Manager  
City of Mena  
701 Mena St.  
Mena, AR 71953

AFIN: 57-00042 NPDES Permit No.: AR0036692

Dear Ms. Timmons,

On June 2, 2009, I performed an inspection of your collection system in response to a complaint. This complaint alleged that Ward was contaminated. My investigation revealed this to be true. 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 violation:

**The City of Mena collection system was discharging sewage via a broken sewer main. This unpermitted discharge was occurring into Ward Creek.**

The above item requires your immediate attention. Please submit a written response to these findings to Cindy Garner, Water Division Enforcement Branch Manager. This response should be mailed to the address below. This response should contain documentation describing the course of action taken to address the broken line and the remediation of the sewage in the creek. This corrective action should be completed as soon as possible, and the written response with all necessary documentations (i.e. photos) is due by June 14, 2009.

If I can be any assistance, please contact me at [fleming@adeq.state.ar.us](mailto:fleming@adeq.state.ar.us) or 501-682-0659.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shan Lynch", is written over a horizontal line.

for  
Shan Lynch  
District Inspector  
Water Division

cc: Water Division Enforcement Branch  
Water Division Permits Branch



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

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## NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

### Section A: National Data System Coding

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### 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 Mena WWTP**  
**- on Polk County Rd. 53, north off of Hwy 8, east of Mena**

Entry Time/Date  
**1245 on 6/2/09**

Permit Effective Date  
**7-1-06**

Exit Time/Date  
**1600 on 6/2/09**

Permit Expiration Date  
**6-30-11**

Name(s) of On-Site Representative(s)/Title(s)/Phone and Fax Number(s)  
**Mary Timmons – Utility Manager**  
**Larry Gross - Collection system manager**

Other Facility Data

Name, Address of Responsible Official/Title/Phone and Fax Number  
**Mary Timmons / Mena Water Utilities Manager / (479) 394-1132**  
**701 Mena St.**  
**Mena, AR 71953**

Contacted  
  
Yes ☒ No

### Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection

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

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

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

**This recon inspection of the collection system was performed in response to a complaint alleging contamination of a creek. This inspection revealed a collection line break, with a large discharge into Ward Creek. Please see the complaint report for details and photos.**

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

**Shan Lynch /**

Agency/Office/Telephone/Fax

**AR Dept. of Environmental Quality-/- Dist. 12 / (870) 389-6970**

Date

**6/2/09**

Signature of Reviewer

Agency/Office/Phone and Fax Numbers

Date



-----Original Message-----

**From:** Mary Timmons [mailto:mary.menawater@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Saturday, June 06, 2009 4:57 PM

**To:** Garner, Cindy

**Subject:** 18 inch sewer main break at Polk 54 in Mena

Dear Ms. Garner:

As per your request, here is a time line of our progress. On June 2, Shan Lynch notified Mena Water Utilities regarding the sewer main break at Ward Creek. According to our observation, erosion of the creek bank caused the sewer main to shift and break. That afternoon we performed the preparatory work for the sewer main repair. We ordered materials, moved trees and brush, and removed the damaged pipe.

On June 3 we built a pier to support the new section of pipe and repaired the pipe using the following materials: twenty feet of eighteen inch ductile iron, fourteen feet of eighteen inch PVC sewer pipe, a solid 24 x 18 coupling, twenty-four inch PVC pipe for pier construction, twenty blocks and ten yards of concrete. The following day we added six more yards of concrete and ten loads of fill dirt to support the pipe and deter future erosion.

I have attached a copy of the overflow report submitted to Greg Hurley, as well as various pictures showing the project's progress and completion. Shan took pictures as well. If you require any additional information, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Mary Timmons

Manager, Mena Water Utilities

479-243-7136

























