



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

NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

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Section A: National Data System Coding

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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>) City of Decatur POTW (Collection System) 985 Austin St. Decatur Arkansas	Entry Time/Date 0755 / 10-09-09	Permit Effective Date June 1, 2009
	Exit Time/Date 0840 / 10-09-09	Permit Expiration Date May 31, 2014
Name(s) of On-Site Representative(s)/Title(s)/Phone and Fax Number(s) N/A	Other Facility Data	
Name, Address of Responsible Official/Title/Phone and Fax Number James Boston, Public Works Director City of Decatur P.O. Box 247 Decatur, Arkansas 72722 479-752-3912, 479-752-8336	Contacted Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection

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

<input type="text" value="S"/>	Permit	<input type="text" value="N"/>	Flow Measurement	<input type="text" value="N"/>	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="U"/>	Pollution Prevention
<input type="text" value="N"/>	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="N"/>	Effluent/Receiving Waters	<input type="text" value="N"/>	Laboratory	<input type="text" value="N"/>	Storm Water	<input type="text" value="U"/>	Other: SSO recon

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

See inspection letter addressed to the City of Decatur dated 11/18/09 for more details. This inspection is one of three SSO reconnaissance inspections that were conducted on 10/09/09, 10/14/09, and 11/03/09.

See next page for violations.

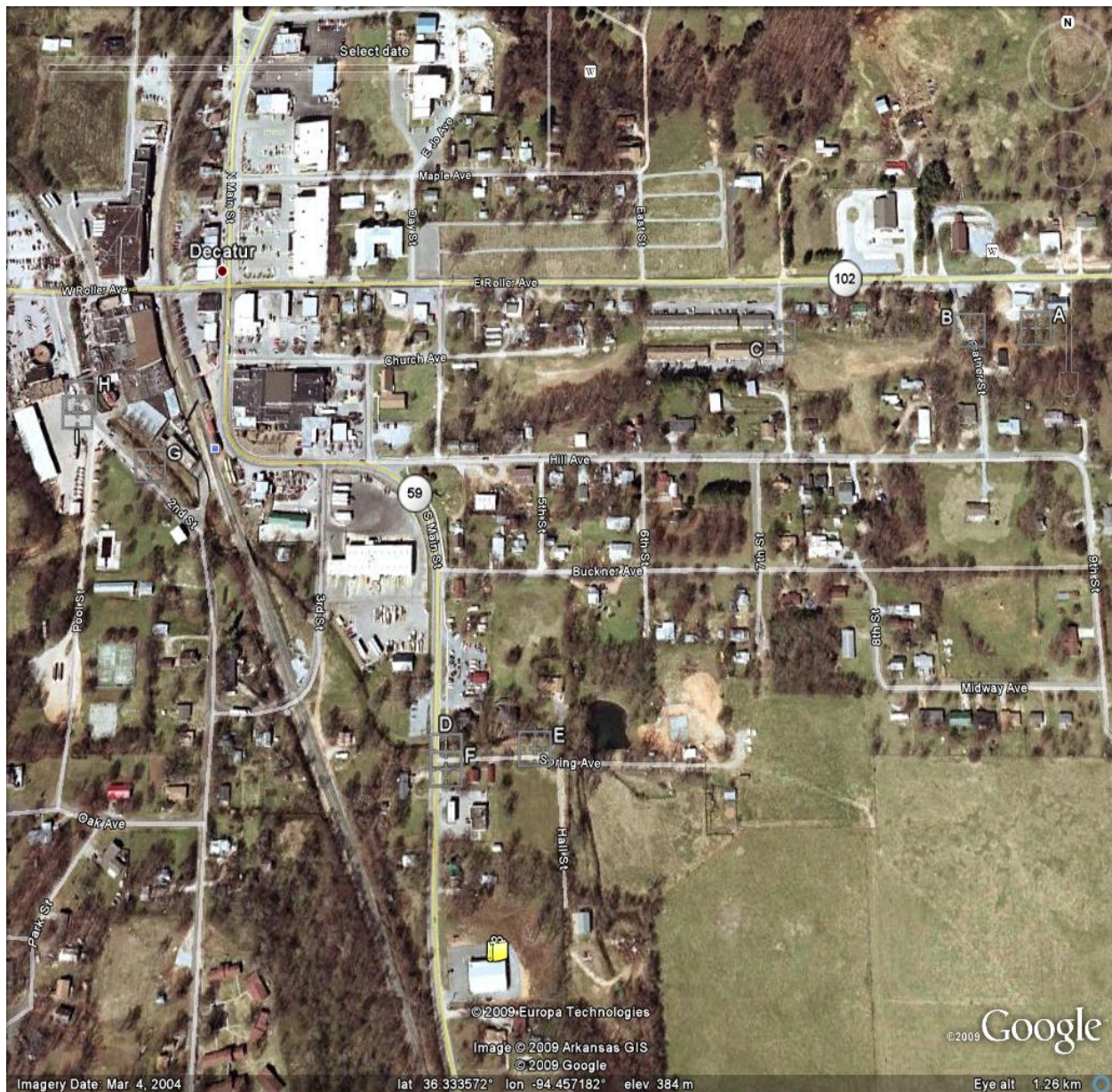
Name(s) and Signature(s) of Inspector(s) John Fazio	Agency/Office/Telephone/Fax AR Dept. of Environmental Quality-Fayetteville 479-267-0811, ext. 16; 479-267-0819 (fax)	Date 11/18/09
Signature of Reviewer	Agency/Office/Phone and Fax Numbers	Date

NPDES Compliance Inspection Report Further Explanation

On October 9, 2009, I conducted an investigation related to manhole overflows in the waste collection system. Two complaints of manhole overflows were received by the Department on this date, and another complaint related to these overflows was received by the Department on October 12, 2009. This investigation revealed the following violations:

1. Discharges of sewage from the collection system causing pollution to the waters of the State. This is in violation of the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act, Ark. Code Ann. §8-4-217(a)(1). Overflows from six manholes were observed on the date of this inspection. The waste from each of the six manholes was entering the waters of the State. The overflows discharged directly into or ultimately into Columbia Hollow Creek (may be referred to as Cave Springs Branch).
2. Failure to report several of the six observed manhole overflows to the Department in accordance with the requirements of Part II.5 and Part III.D.6 of the permit. Below is a summary that includes the location of each overflow observed by the Department on this date, and the date that the overflow was reported to the Department, if reported.
 - a. Two manholes located behind the Wellness Secrets business, located on Hwy 102. The Department received a complaint by an employee of this business on October 9, 2009. The complainant stated that she had reported the overflows to the City of Decatur on this date, and that within thirty minutes of her call to the City, City staff arrived at the site. These overflows were not reported to the Department until October 15, 2009.
 - b. A manhole located at the apartment complex on Hwy 102, located immediately west and downgradient from Wellness Secrets. I made Mr. Boston aware of this overflow during our meeting on October 14, 2009. To date, the Department has no record of a report of this overflow from the City.
 - c. The manhole located in James Beemer's yard at the intersection of Hwy 59 and Spring St. A report of this overflow was received by the Department on October 9, 2009.
 - d. The manhole located at 404 Spring St. After the inspection, Mr. Beemer stated that he reported both Spring St. overflows to the City on October 9, 2009. The Spring St. sewer main drains east to west, and the Hwy 59 sewer main drains south to north. The manhole in Mr. Beemer's yard is located along the Hwy 59 main just south of where the Spring St. main tees into the Hwy 59 main from the east. During our meeting on October 14, 2009, Mr. Boston stated that inflow and infiltration (I & I) problems in the Hwy 59 main south of the tee causes flow to backup in the Spring St. main that results in manhole overflows along Spring St. Mr. Boston also stated that the City initially thought the I & I problems were along the Spring St. main because of periodic overflows from the Spring St. manholes. The manhole at 404 Spring St. is at a lower elevation than the manhole located in Mr. Beemer's yard. Based on the conditions described above, if an overflow is occurring at the manhole on Mr. Beemer's property, it is likely that an overflow is occurring at the 404 Spring St. manhole as well. I discussed this overflow with Mr. Boston on October 14, 2009. The City did not report the overflow to the Department until October 14, 2009.
 - e. The manhole located on the west bank of the creek and 2nd St (behind Simmons Foods). I made Mr. Boston aware of this overflow on October 14, 2009. To date, the Department has no record of a report of this overflow from the City.
3. Failure to remove and dispose of the solids associated with some of these overflows in accordance with the requirements of Part II.5 of the permit. On October 12, 2009, the Department received a complaint from a resident who stated that his dogs had rolled in the solids that had overflowed from the manhole in Mr. Beemer's yard and the manhole at 404 Spring St. In addition, on October 15, 2009, the Department observed waste (condoms) from the Simmons overflow on top of the vented manhole. Photographs of this same waste were taken by the Department on October 9, 2009. As Mr. Boston and I discussed during our meeting on October 14, 2009, it is necessary to clean up all solids associated with an overflow, and to lime the affected areas as soon as the overflow ceases. These solids are an endangerment to health and the environment.

City of Decatur October 9 – 14, 2009 Overflow/Discharge Locations



A, B: Manholes behind Wellness Secrets restaurant on Hwy 102.

C: Manhole at apartment complex on Hwy 102.

D, E, F: F is manhole in James Beemer's yard at Spring St. and Hwy 59. E is manhole next to Columbia Hollow Creek (tributary to Spavinaw) on Spring St. D is Cleanout opened by City to allow for discharge to creek.

G, H, I: G is manhole above Columbia Hollow Creek bank adjacent to 2nd St. at Simmon's Foods. H is manhole on 2nd St. at Simmons Foods. I is stormwater grate that discharges to sanitary sewer along 2nd St.

(Locations are approximate.)

Water Division NPDES Photographic Evidence Sheet

Location:	City of Decatur Collection System						
Photographer:	John Fazio			Witness:	None		
Photo #	1	Of	7	Date:	10/09/09	Time:	0800
Description:	1 of 2 overflows behind Wellness Secrets business on Hwy 102. Looking south.						



Photographer:	John Fazio			Witness:	None		
Photo #	2	Of	7	Date:	10/09/09	Time:	0802
Description:	Same overflow as above. Looking ~ east. Note garden to upper right.						



Water Division NPDES Photographic Evidence Sheet

Location: City of Decatur Collection System

Photographer: John Fazio **Witness:** None

Photo # 3 **Of** 7 **Date:** 10/09/09 **Time:** 0803

Description: Looking ~ west from 2nd overflow behind Wellness Secrets. Flow toward Apt Complex in next photo.



Photographer: John Fazio **Witness:** None

Photo # 4 **Of** 7 **Date:** 10/09/09 **Time:** 0810

Description: Looking ~ west from overflow at apartment complex south of Hwy 102 and west of Wellness Secrets. Flow from this location and Wellness Secrets eventually discharges into Columbia Hollow Creek.



Water Division NPDES Photographic Evidence Sheet

Location:	City of Decatur Collection System						
Photographer:	John Fazio			Witness:	None		
Photo #	5	Of	7	Date:	10/09/09	Time:	0815
Description:	Overflow from Beemer residence (Hwy 59 & Spring St) flowing into Columbia Hollow Creek (background). Looking north.						



Photographer:	John Fazio			Witness:	None		
Photo #	6	Of	7	Date:	10/09/09	Time:	0817
Description:	Overflow at 404 Spring St. discharging into Columbia Hollow Creek. Looking north.						



Water Division NPDES Photographic Evidence Sheet

Location: City of Decatur Collection System

Photographer: John Fazio **Witness:** None

Photo # 7 **Of** 7 **Date:** 10/09/09 **Time:** 0833

Description: Overflow behind Simmons Plant (2nd St) discharging in Columbia Hollow Creek (note condoms on vented manhole).



Photographer: **Witness:**

Photo # **Of** **Date:** **Time:**

Description:

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